

Community Issues Report

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Consumer, Health & Safety

An interest in knowing about events that impact our daily lives. A need for information about how to be wise shoppers of goods and services and how to live healthy and safe lives.

Crime

A need to know about crime and law enforcement activities and a concern for personal safety.

Education

A concern about the money and skills needed to improve schools and an interest in improving student's quality of education.

Environment

A concern for how the environment is affected by human activity.

Government

An interest in how government affects our personal lives

Jobs/Economy/Growth

An interest in the local and national economic outlook and the impact growth has on our communities

Quality of Life

An interest in things that improve one's satisfaction with life.

The following pages list representative samples of program segments from The Ten O'clock Newscast, The News at 6:30 Newscast and The Morning Newscast during this quarter that respond to our ascertained issues. Each segment was 20 seconds to 3 minutes in length (except as otherwise reported).

The following pages also identify issue-responsive episodes of programs, which are listed under the appropriate issue.

WHNS also broadcasts public service announcements, news and weather cut-ins as needed to inform local community of breaking news and emergencies.

Attachments



Consumer, Health & Safety

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **CONSUMER, HEALTH & SAFETY**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays (airs weekly)	6:30am	TODAY'S HOMEOWNER

Description: A half-hour weekly television show that features information on how to maintain and improve your home, both inside and out. The approach to home improvement helps everyone from the experienced do-it-yourselfer to the first time homeowner. Projects are taken from start to finish in each weekly episode. (30:00)

July 3, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 3, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina officials urged people to be careful when shooting fireworks to celebrate the July Fourth holiday. State climatologists said South Carolina still suffers from a moderate drought despite recent rain. The entire state remains below normal in rainfall, though some areas are drier than others. Officials said the Charleston area had the largest rainfall deficit. It remained more than 10 inches below normal. The Pee Dee fared best. Florence is less than half an inch below normal. State officials asked people to use common sense when shooting fireworks. Jerry Wingard of the Pyrotechnic Safety Board said anyone using fireworks should have a water hose or bucket of water close by. There were 146 fireworks-related fires in South Carolina last year.

July 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 9, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Alzheimer's patients soon may be able to take medication for the condition through a skin patch. The patch's distributor, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, said it has received federal approval for the patch. The patch is made by LTS Lohmann Therapie-Systeme AG, of Germany. The drug contained in the patch -- Exelon -- is the same as one now available in capsule form. But the company says the patch may be better for patients, providing a regular and continuous dose of the drug throughout the day. It also says since the drug enters the bloodstream directly, some of its gastrointestinal side effects would be eliminated. The drug isn't a cure for Alzheimer's, but it is the first patch to treat dementia in Alzheimer's patients, but it's maker said it can also treat patients with mild to moderate Parkinson's disease dementia. It works by inhibiting the breakdown of acetylcholine in the body, a brain chemical thought to be important for learning and memory. Alzheimer's is an ultimately fatal disease robs patients of their memory and also changes how they think and behave. Novartis said the prescription patch will be available soon. About 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's.

July 10, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 10, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A little girl struck by a tree limb at the Greenville Zoo on July 4 was still in critical condition at a Greenville hospital Monday night. Monday night, the family of 3-year-old Mackenzie Jo Van Dorn released a statement that thanked the community for "their many prayers during this stressful time." The family also thanked the staff at the zoo and the Greenville Children's Hospital for "their support and care. Van Dorn was looking at the lemur exhibit at the zoo when a 13-foot branch fell on her and knocked her to the ground. Since the accident, the Greenville Zoo has been looking at other trees in the park to make sure any dead limbs are removed before they become a hazard. The zoo said they had the trees cleared of dead limbs just before the accident happened. Van Dorn is from Mississippi.

July 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 12, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Bausch and Lomb's contact lens solution plant in Greenville has cleared inspection by federal regulators. The company and the Food and Drug Administration said this week corrections have been made at the plant that allowed it to pass FDA inspection on June 29. The plant had made the company's ReNu with MoistureLoc solution. That product was discontinued last year after it was connected to several hundreds cases of a rare, but dangerous, eye infection called Fusarium keratitis in parts of Asia and the United States. A Bausch and Lomb spokesman said the FDA ruled out problems in the manufacturing process as contributing to the eye infections. Last March, the company recalled about 1.5 million bottles of its ReNu MultiPlus made at the Greenville plant because trace amounts of iron could cause the cleaner to lose effectiveness earlier than normal. No one was reported hurt in that recall.

July 16, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 16, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A 3-engine coal train hauling 95 cars through Duncan lost 14 of those cars when they jumped the track around 2:30 a.m. Monday, Duncan Fire Chief Barry Frost said. The derailment happened near the Spencer Street railroad crossing. Frost said there were four people on the train when the accident happened, but they were not injured. Frost said emergency crews are having difficulties righting the train because the derailment happened in a location that is a half-mile from any roads. Frost said the cars fell into a 50-foot ravine. Frost said the cars were empty, but some of the cars appeared to be leaking motor oil. Hazmat teams were on scene monitoring the oil leak, but said they do not expect it to be a problem

July 17, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 18, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The deadly cat disease feline panleukopenia has been spreading to cats across the area. The Greenville Humane Society has reported cases in Greenville, Pickens, Easley, Marietta and Sans Souci. The disease, also known as feline distemper, attacks a cat's white blood cells, which play a major role in defending them from infections and diseases. Veterinarian Dr. Tom Felder said the disease is extremely contagious. "It is spread through feces, and is very stable in the environment," Felder said. Felder said the disease can be ingested directly or spread through contaminated water, feed bowls or on shoes and clothing. The Greenville Humane Society said they have seen the effects of this deadly disease first-hand. They've had 10 kittens and four adult cats die over the past week from FP. "That's not a huge number, but what happened here at the Greenville Humane Society is predictably what's going on in the community," said Board Chairman Jennie Johnson. Symptoms of FP include depression, vomiting and diarrhea. The cat's hair can quickly become dull and rough, and the skin loses its elasticity. "It's a disease we thought we had gotten rid of pretty well because vaccine was so effective," Felder said. "However, if treated aggressively some of them will survive." Vets and the Humane Society urged cat owners to get their pets vaccinated. The vaccine for FP costs from \$12 to \$20 at a vet's office. The Greenville Humane Society will provide the vaccination for free Wednesday and Friday of this week from 5 to 7 p.m. and next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Vets stressed the disease can't be spread to dogs or humans.

July 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 19, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Federal health officials warned consumers Wednesday to throw away certain cans of hot dog chili sauce after the product was linked to the first cases of botulism in commercially canned foods in decades. Four people were hospitalized. The warning applies to 10-ounce cans of Castleberry's, Austex and Kroger brands of hot dog chili sauce with "best by" dates from April 30, 2009, through May 22, 2009, the Food and Drug Administration said. It wasn't immediately clear how widely the products were distributed. The contamination by the toxin is extremely rare for a commercially canned product. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention medical epidemiologist Dr. Michael Lynch said the last such U.S. case dates to the 1970s. The roughly 25 cases reported each year typically involved home-canned foods, Lynch said. The victims - two each in Texas and Indiana - were seriously ill but expected to survive. The Texas cases involved children who are siblings. The Indiana cases involved an adult couple. No other details were available. The products were made by the Castleberry's Food Co., owned by Bumble Bee Seafoods LLC, based in San Diego. "We are taking the recall as a precautionary measure until we fully understand the facts of these cases and determine the cause of any contamination," Dave Melbourne, Castleberry senior vice president of marketing, said in a statement. FDA has sent experts to the Castleberry's plant in Augusta, Ga., where the products were canned, said Robert Brackett, director of the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. The company is voluntarily recalling all potentially contaminated product and is cooperating with state and federal officials, Brackett added.

Botulism is a muscle-paralyzing disease caused by a toxin made by a bacterium called *Clostridium botulinum*, according to the CDC. Brackett urged consumers to discard any of the recalled cans without opening them. "The toxin is so potent if they get it on their hands or it sprays in their face, it could make them ill," he said. Typically, commercially canned foods are heated long enough and to high enough temperatures to kill the spores. "It's been a triumph of food safety that canning is safe. That's what makes this so unusual," Lynch said. Symptoms of botulism include double or blurred vision, drooping eyelids, slurred speech, difficulty swallowing, dry mouth and muscle weakness that moves down the body, according to the CDC. Eventually, paralysis can cause a person to stop breathing and die, unless supported by a ventilator. Most victims eventually recover after weeks to months of care. The recall covers the following universal product codes: Castleberry's Hot Dog Chili Sauce, 10 oz can (UPC 3030000101); Austex Hot Dog Chili Sauce, 10-ounce can (UPC 3030099533); Kroger Hot Dog Chili Sauce, 10-ounce can (UPC 1111083942); Morton House Corned Beef Hash, 15-ounce can (UPC 7526665830); Cattle Drive Chili With Beans, 15-ounce can (UPC 3030001515); Southern Home Corned Beef Hash, 15-ounce can (UPC 0788015360); Meijer Corned Beef Hash, 15-ounce can (UPC 4125095229); Castleberrys Chili With Beans, 15-ounce can (UPC 3030001015); Castleberrys Barbecue Pork, 10-ounce can (UPC 3030000402); Bunker Hill Chili No Beans, 10-ounce can (UPC 7526604112); Consumers with questions may call the company toll-free at 888-203-8446.

July 25, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 25, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Airport security officers around the nation have been alerted by federal officials to look out for terrorists practicing to carry explosive components onto aircraft, based on four curious seizures at airports since last September. The unclassified alert was distributed on July 20 by the Transportation Security Administration to federal air marshals, its own transportation security officers and other law enforcement agencies. The seizures at airports in San Diego, Milwaukee, Houston and Baltimore included "wires, switches, pipes or tubes, cell phone components and dense clay-like substances," including block cheese, the bulletin said. "The unusual nature and increase in number of these improvised items raise concern." Security officers were urged to keep an eye out for "ordinary items that look like improvised explosive device components." The 13-paragraph bulletin was posted on the Internet by NBC Nightly News, which first reported the story. A federal official familiar with the document confirmed the authenticity of the NBC posting but declined to be identified by name because it has not been officially released. "There is no credible, specific threat here," TSA spokeswoman Ellen Howe said Tuesday. "Don't panic. We do these things all the time." Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocke described the notice as the latest copy of a routine informational bulletin for TSA workers, airport employees and law enforcement officials. A statement posted late Tuesday by the TSA on its Web site confirmed that "a routine TSA intelligence bulletin relating to suspicious incidents at U.S. airports" had leaked to news organizations. The statement added, "During the past six months TSA has produced more than 90 unclassified bulletins of this nature on a wide variety of security-related subjects." The bulletin said the a joint FBI-Homeland Security Department assessment found that terrorists have conducted probes, dry runs and dress rehearsals in advance of previous attacks. It cited various types of rehearsals conducted by terrorists before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon; the July 7, 2005, London subway bombings; the Aug. 2, 2006, London-based plot to blow up trans-Atlantic flights using liquid explosives and the 1994 Bojinka plot in the Philippines to blow up multiple airliners over the Pacific Ocean. The bulletin said the passengers carrying the suspicious items seized since September included men and women and that initial investigation had not linked them with criminal or terrorist organizations. But it added that most of their explanations for carrying the items were suspicious and some were still under investigation. The four seizures were described this way: 1: San Diego, July 7. A U.S. person - either a citizen or a foreigner legally here - checked baggage containing two ice packs covered in duct tape. The ice packs had clay inside them rather than the normal blue gel; 2: Milwaukee, June 4. A U.S. person's carryon baggage contained wire coil wrapped around a possible initiator, an electrical switch, batteries, three tubes and two blocks of cheese. The bulletin said block cheese has a consistency similar to some explosives. 3: Houston, Nov. 8, 2006. A U.S. person's checked baggage contained a plastic bag with a 9-volt battery, wires, a block of brown clay-like minerals and pipes. 4: Baltimore, Sept. 16, 2006. A couple's checked baggage contained a plastic bag with a block of processed cheese taped to another plastic bag holding a cellular phone charger.

August 3, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 3, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: After a violent brawl in Westgate Mall lat weekend, officials have been shopping for solutions to their security problem. Thursday officials announced a stepped-up officer presence which will mean 12 to 15 officers will patrol the mall.

Under the new security measures, children under 18 years old in groups of three or more who seem to be loitering will be asked to leave the mall. Police said violators of the new rule will be considered trespassers. "We're not saying that's wrong," said Tony Fisher of the Spartanburg Public Safety Department. "Inappropriate conduct is wrong, and inappropriate conduct is what we'll police." Parents who drop off unsupervised children will be given a copy of the behavioral code of conduct for the mall. Many children said they go to the mall just to kill time, not to cause trouble. They said their hanging out at the mall is just innocent fun. Mall officials said they think the new security plan will work if parents take an active role in their child's safety.

August 6, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 6, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Ford Motor Co. said Friday it would recall 3.6 million passenger cars, trucks, sport utility vehicles and vans to address concerns about a cruise control switch that has led to previous recalls based on reports of fires. Ford said the recall covered more than a dozen vehicle models built from 1992-2004. The company said it was responding to concerns from owners about the safety of their cars and questions about the speed control deactivation switch in the vehicles that is powered at all times. The recall involves the following vehicles: 1998-2002 Ford Ranger; 1992-1997 Lincoln Town Car; 1992-1997 Ford Crown Victoria; 1992-1997 Mercury Grand Marquis; 1993-1998 Lincoln Mark VIII; 1993-1995 Taurus SHO; 1999-2001 Ford Explorer and Mercury Mountaineer; 2001-2002 Ford Explorer Sport ; 2001-2002 Ford Explorer Sport Trac; 1992-1993 E150-350 vans; 1997-2002 E150-350 vans; 1993 Ford F-Series pickups; 1993 Ford Bronco; 1994 Mercury Capri; 2003-2004 Ford F-150 Lightning; 1995-2002 Ford F53 motor homes; The Dearborn, Mich.-based automaker previously had recalled nearly 6 million vehicles beginning in January 2005 because of engine fires linked to the cruise control systems in trucks, SUVs and vans. The company will begin calling vehicle owners Aug. 13. Owners with questions about the recall can contact Ford at (888) 222-2751.

August 23, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 23, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

The Los Angeles Salad Company announced it was recalling its "Genuine Sweet Baby Carrots" because the carrots may be contaminated with the bacteria shigella. The recall was initiated after four people reported illnesses in Canada. No one was hospitalized as a result of the contaminated carrots and all persons affected have fully recovered. Shigella infection can cause diarrhea, fever, nausea and vomiting. The product was sold in packages with two labels. One is labeled "Los Angeles Salad Genuine Sweet Baby Carrots" distributed by Kroger Co. King Sooper, in Colorado, Kroger Co. Ralphs in California; and Publix in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, South Carolina and Florida. Consumers who purchased "Genuine Sweet Baby Carrots" can return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Los Angeles Salads at 626-322-9017.

August 27, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 27, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolinians' waistlines continue to widen, according to a report released on Monday. The obesity report said almost 28 percent of South Carolina adults are considered obese. South Carolina tied with Tennessee and Kentucky for the nation's fifth-heaviest state. The report for the first time looked at obesity rates among children ages ten to 17. The Palmetto State ranked seventh highest at 18.9 percent. South Carolina's adult obesity numbers have worsened with each report by the Trust for America's Health. The state ranked 13th in 2004 with an obesity rate of 24.5 percent. The report said one in every four adults in South Carolina report getting no physical activity.

September 5, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 5, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: On Tuesday, Mattel announced its third major recall of Chinese-made toys in a little more than a month. The recall is the latest blow to the world's largest toy maker as the critical holiday shopping season approaches. Mattel said the action involves a total of more than 800,000 units, including 675,000 Barbie doll accessories, because of excessive amounts of lead-tainted paint. The recall also covers 90,000 units of Mattel's GeoTrax locomotive line and 8,900 Big Big World 6-in-1 Bongo Band toys, both from the company's [Fisher-Price](#) brand. The Big Big World products were sold nationwide from July through August of this year, while the GeoTrax toys were sold from September 2006 through August of this year. The recalled Barbie accessories were sold between October 2006 and August of this year. No Barbie dolls were included in the action. The details of the recall were negotiated by the [Consumer Product Safety Commission](#).

September 7, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 7, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: There's a new Greenville police officer panting for his shot at taking a bite out of crime. His name is Fox. He is a 2 1/2-year-old German Shepherd, who is one of Greenville's latest additions to the force. Fox patrols the streets with Officer Mike Austin on a regular basis. Austin said Fox is one of the first patrol dogs the city has had in 30 years. Austin called Fox the ultimate partner, but like a 7-year-old kid at the same time. Together they fight crime serving the people of Greenville. Austin said some nights are slow, and others busy. FOX Carolina witnessed those busy nights twice. Our cameras rolled while Fox busted two suspects on the run. It's not always work for the duo. Officer Austin said some days he and Fox relax at [Cleveland](#) Park. All in all they have a growing partnership, ready to protect and serve. Handlers encourage people to use caution around police dogs when they're working.

September 7, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 7, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: One local hospital has increased security in the emergency room by installing a metal detector at the entrance. Greenville Memorial Hospital said the device was not installed as a reaction to an incident of violence; rather, it serves as a violence prevention tool. "If you still possess knives or other weapons, you will have to return them to your car or have us secure them for you while you are in the emergency room," said Shawn Reilly, from Greenville Memorial Hospital. Reilly said the hospital is following suit with a trend at hospitals across the country. However, will having a metal detector in the ER slow down urgent medical care? "We visited a number of other hospitals that are already using metal detectors, and they reported no real delays in getting patients in the emergency room," Reilly said. The magnetometer went online Thursday morning.

September 21, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 21, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is announcing today a voluntary recall with Simplicity Inc., of Reading, Pa., of about 1 million cribs. The drop-side can detach from the crib, which can create a dangerous gap and lead to the entrapment and suffocation of infants. CPSC is aware of two deaths in Simplicity manufactured cribs with older style hardware, including a 9-month-old child and a 6-month-old child, where the drop-side was installed upside down. CPSC is also aware of seven infant entrapments and 55 incidents in these cribs. CPSC is also investigating the death of a 1-year-old child in a Simplicity crib with newer style hardware, in which the drop-side was installed upside down. CPSC is warning parents and caregivers to check all Simplicity cribs to make sure the drop-side is installed right side up. The drop-side failures result from both the hardware and crib design, which allow consumers to unintentionally install the drop-side upside down. This, in turn, can weaken the hardware and cause the drop-side to detach from the crib. When the drop-side detaches, it creates a gap in which infants can become entrapped. CPSC is also aware of two incidents that occurred when the drop-side was correctly installed with older style hardware, though the upside down installation greatly increases the risk of failure. The recalled Simplicity crib models include: Aspen 3 in 1, Aspen 4 in 1, Nursery-in-a-Box, Crib N Changer Combo, Chelsea and Pooh 4 in 1. The recall also involves the following Simplicity cribs that used the Graco logo: Aspen 3 in 1, Ultra 3 in 1, Ultra 4 in 1, Ultra 5 in 1, Whitney and the Trio. The recalled cribs have one of the following model numbers, which can be found on the envelope attached to the mattress support and on the label attached to the

headboard: 4600, 4605, 4705, 5000, 8000, 8324, 8800, 8740, 8910, 8994, 8050, 8750, 8760, and 8996. The cribs, which were made in China, were sold in department stores, children's stores and mass merchandisers nationwide from January 1998 through May 2007 for between \$100 and \$300. As an immediate precaution, consumers should check to see if the drop-side is installed right side up. To do this, check to see that the slightly rounded rail with the decorative groove is installed at the top and the plain rail is on the bottom. Next, consumers should make sure the drop-side is securely attached to the tracks in all four corners. If the drop-side is installed upside down or not securely attached, consumers should stop using the crib immediately. Incorrect installation can cause permanent damage to the hardware and re-installing the drop-side using the same hardware is unsafe. Consumers should check to see if their crib contains the recalled hardware. Recalled hardware has a flexible tab at the bottom of the lower tracks and the top of the lower tracks are open. Newer hardware, which is not subject to the recall, has the flexible tab located at the top of the lower track, and a permanent stop at the bottom. Consumers who have a crib with older style hardware can receive a free repair by immediately contacting Simplicity toll-free at (888) 593-9274 between 8:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. ET Monday through Thursday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET on Friday, and between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET on Saturday, or by visiting the firm's Web site at www.simplicityforchildren.com. Consumers who have a crib with newer style hardware and have installed the drop-side upside down or have broken hardware, should also contact Simplicity immediately.

September 25, 2007

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

September 25, 2007

5:00a-9:00am

The Morning News

Description: One upstate neighborhood is on alert after some residents said a man has tried to kidnap their children on two occasions. "It's horrifying," said Amy Smith, one parent. "It's a parent's biggest nightmare." Smith said her daughter, Emily, and a friend, Madison, were approached by a man at a bus stop in the Gilder Creek Farm neighborhood off Woodruff Road. The bus stop was only feet from their home. Emily and Madison, both 11 years old, said they had just gotten off the bus when the man drove up. "The thing that caught my attention is when he said, 'Your brother is looking for you,'" Emily said. "He said something like, 'Come follow me and I'll show you where he is.'" The girls said they did not follow the man and he drove away slowly. When he got further away, the girls ran away in the opposite direction. The day before this incident, a boy said the same thing happened to him in the same neighborhood but at a different bus stop. The boy said a man drove up to him and told him his brother was sick. The man asked the boy to come with him. The boy said he became suspicious and ran away. "I'm still scared that he's still roaming around the neighborhood trying to find other kids," Emily said. Smith said she too is scared, because the next child the man approaches may not know to run away. "There's a lot of children that would be scared and freeze and get in the car," Smith said. The children described the man as older and bald, driving a silver car. Deputies have stepped up patrols in the area since the incidents occurred. They asked anyone with information about the case to call the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.

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Crime

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **CRIME**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays	8:00pm	COPS
Saturdays (airs weekly)	8:30pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	2:00pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	2:30pm	COPS

DESCRIPTION: COPS follows law enforcement officers as they answer calls and deal with the subjects and victims involved in the complaints and crimes. (30:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	9:00pm	AMERICA'S MOST WANTED
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DESCRIPTION: AMERICA'S MOST WANTED is hosted by John Walsh. The show profiles fugitives and wanted criminals who are being sought by federal, state, or local authorities. The program gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. (60:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	2:00am	MISSING
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DESCRIPTION: Missing is a weekly half-hour reality series featuring actual cases of missing individuals, both adult and juvenile, from across the United States. (30:00)

Monday – Sunday	10:00 pm	FOX CAROLINA'S MOST WANTED
Monday – Friday	5:00a-9:00am	

DESCRIPTION: The FOX Carolina's Most Wanted airs during the Ten O'clock News on various nights Monday thru Sunday and The Morning News Monday thru Friday. Each segment profiles locally wanted criminals and gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. Each segment is 45 seconds.

July 5, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 5, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Spartanburg County deputies arrested a Wellford man after two girls said he tried to molest them at a playground. Calvin Griffey, 54, was arrested Thursday and charged with two counts of committing a lewd act on a minor and aggravated assault. Deputies said Griffey approached two girls at his apartment complex's playground and touched one of the girls inappropriately. "From what I heard (the girls) were at the park playing," said Kim Pruitt, a resident of the apartment complex. "He said, 'Who am I going to kiss first?' He grabbed the 15-year-old by the arm and pulled her to him." Pruitt said she is glad Griffey is in custody. Griffey was being held at the Spartanburg County Jail.

July 5, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 5, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Henderson County deputies arrested a man they said was growing marijuana. Deputies said they received a report of drug activity around 4 a.m. Thursday at 53 Italy Lane. When deputies arrived they searched the home and found 15 marijuana plants, which they confiscated. Deputies arrested 24-year-old Carlos Cortez Ojeda and charged him with maintaining a vehicle, dwelling or place for a controlled substance, manufacturing marijuana and possession of drug

paraphernalia. “It is our goal to make Henderson County as safe and as drug-free as possible,” said Sheriff Rick Davis. Ojeda was being held at the Henderson County Detention Center on a \$3,000 bond.

July 6, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O’clock News
July 6, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies have arrested a man who they say exposed himself to an undercover officer through his webcam. Curtis Richard Ballard, 52, was arrested Thursday and charged with four counts of criminal solicitation of a minor. Investigators said Ballard chatted with deputies pretending to be underage girls in a Yahoo! chat room. According to warrants, Ballard exposed himself and masturbated on his webcam for a girl he believed to be 13 years old on at least four different occasions. According to the school’s Web site, Ballard also worked at Easley High School where he taught biology, anatomy and physiology. The Pickens County Superintendent’s Office has not returned phone calls made by FOX Carolina regarding Ballard’s status. Ballard was released on a \$20,000 bond.

July 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O’clock News
July 12, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Police in Gaffney are searching for a person or group of people who have been targeting businesses in the area with rocks and spray paint. Local business owner Melody Howe said when she opened her shop on Monday morning she found shattered glass on the concrete in front of her store. “We just came to work and I guess people threw a rock through the window and busted them and busted some things inside, as well,” Howe said. Howe’s family business was only one of four vandalized over the weekend. The Gaffney Little Theater had a brick thrown through its front window, and across the street, walls on another building were spray-painted with graffiti. “I think it’s bad for the image of the town, because the town fathers have done so much to beautify the downtown area and do different things,” said pharmacy owner David Hogue. Some businesses said they are considering installing security cameras in hopes of cutting down on the problem.

July 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O’clock News
July 12, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Eight women and one man were arrested Tuesday night when Anderson County law enforcement agencies teamed up to conduct an undercover prostitution sting. Deputies said 45-year-old Cynthia Blankenship, 40-year-old Samantha Bowman, 44-year-old Rebecca Burgess, 41-year-old Betty Caveny, 48-year-old Elanor Hall, 49-year-old Merita Johnson, 42-year-old Tammy Morales and 19-year-old Jessica Norris were arrested Tuesday night and charged with one count of prostitution. All eight women were being held at the Anderson County Detention Center while they await bond hearings. Deputies said 49-year-old Ronnie Hill was also arrested. He was released on a \$465 bond. The sting was a joint effort between the Anderson County Sheriff’s Office, Anderson police and Clemson police.

July 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O’clock News
July 18, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A 18-year-old man was shot in the knee late Tuesday night, Greenville County deputies said. The shooting happened at the corner of Hawkins and Ninth streets shortly after 11 p.m. Tuesday. Deputies said a silver Dodge Intrepid pulled up beside the victim, fired a shot and took off. The four-door car was found a short time later on Judson Street, not far from the scene of the shooting, deputies said. Deputies said the car has been reported stolen from the Grove Road area on July 16. Neighbors said they believe the drive-by shooting was the result of a drug deal. The teen was taken to Greenville Memorial Hospital where he was expected to recover. Deputies said they believe four people were involved in the shooting. Deputies asked anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME.

July 23, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O’clock News
July 23, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: One person was shot at a Spartanburg-area Waffle House restaurant around 5:30 a.m. Monday. Police said the shooting happened at the Waffle House restaurant at the corner of Blackstock Road and John B. White Sr. Boulevard. Police said 24-year-old Edwin Bebe was shot twice by a man after he finished eating at the restaurant. Bebe was followed to the restaurant by a 1998 silver Crown Victoria with tinted windows and factory rims, police said. After finishing his meal, Bebe walked outside and was approached by a man wearing a black hoodie with red writing on it, police said. The man drew a

large-caliber gun and shot Bebe once in the chest and once in the lower abdomen, police said. Police described the shooter as a 5-foot, 9-inch black male with light skin and dread-locks. Police asked anyone with information about the shooting to call them immediately.

July 24, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION: An Anderson police officer was shot five times while investigating a robbery at Churchhills Pub on East Greenville Street early Tuesday morning, police said. Police said Officer David Fikes arrived at the bar along with two other officers after receiving a call about a robbery in progress. Fikes walked around to the back of the building and approached a dumpster when he found a suspicious man nearby, police said. They said the man took off and Fikes chased him on foot. During the chase, the man turned and fired five times at Fikes. Three bullets hit Fikes in his bulletproof vest, while two others struck him in his right arm, police said. Police called in search K-9s and a SWAT team to help find the shooter but were unsuccessful. The shooter was describe as a 6-foot, 3-inch tall black man with a skinny build who was wearing a white scarf or bandana around his face. Fikes was taken to the hospital and was expected to recover from his injuries. Police asked anyone with information on this case to call 231-CRIME.

July 24, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 24, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies arrested a man they said raped one child and inappropriately touched another at his home-based day care. Grady Davis, also known as Papa, is charged with forcible rape and criminal sexual conduct with a minor. According to police reports, one of the victims, a young girl, told deputies when she and Davis were left alone he would take her into the bedroom and pull her pants and panties off. "Why did you pick my child?" asked the alleged victim's mother. "She's innocent. I feel like he's taken some of that away from her." The girl also said Davis would tell her if she did not tell anyone about what had happened he would not do it again. "And she believed he would," said the alleged victim's mother. "I don't know how long it's been going on. She says a million times, but she's just a child." Deputies said the alleged rape happened within the last five years, and the touching charge stems from an alleged incident that happened last year. "I don't think a man just starts doing this in his late 60s out of the blue," said the second alleged victim's grandmother. "I mean you just don't all of a sudden have the urge to do this and pick children."

July 27, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 27, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A judge's ruling throwing out some evidence in a case of a man accused of trying to solicit sex from a child over the Internet could threaten more than two dozen online predator cases. Circuit Judge Mark Hayes ruled Tuesday that investigators incorrectly used a federal law to get phone and Internet records of a suspect accused of trying to solicit sex from an undercover officer posing as a 13-year-old girl in Spartanburg County. The judge said state law requires a sworn oath to get the information, while federal law only requires a judge's signature. The attorney general's office was appealing the ruling. Spokesman Mark Plowden said the judge's decision is a blow, but not a fatal one, to the agency's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

August 6, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 6, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: State and local authorities have blocked off downtown Spruce Pine while they investigate the cause of two fires that happened over the weekend. Officials said two historic buildings in the small mountain town caught fire less than 24 hours of each other. The North Carolina Bureau of Investigation and its Arson Task Force were called in to help figure out how the two fires started. The first blaze broke out around 2 a.m. Saturday on Oak Avenue at a building that houses four offices. The second fire started around 10 p.m. Saturday at Cheapskates Antique and Thrift Store a block away on Locust Street. Spruce Pine Town Manager Richard Canipe said multiple fire departments helped battle the blazes. Investigators are not letting anyone enter the downtown area, including business owners, because they consider the entire area a crime scene, Canipe said. Canipe said even businesses that are not affected by the fire will be closed until at least Wednesday. "We're a small

town and this is devastating to lose two major buildings in your downtown area,” said Canipe. The population of Spruce Pine is about 2,000. The town is located in Mitchell County near the Tennessee state line.

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August 6, 2007 5:00a-9:00am The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies said they are searching for three men who held up a convenience store clerk at gunpoint Sunday night. Deputies said the robbery happened at the Fast Fuel gas station at 2807 Cannon’s Campground Road around 10:30 p.m. Three men wearing masks and dressed in dark clothing had guns drawn as they entered the store and demanded money, deputies said. The men walked behind the counter and began rummaging through the store’s merchandise, deputies said. The clerk said one of the men shoved her and held her head down to the counter, but she said the robbers never pointed their guns directly at her. Deputies said the bandits got away with an unknown amount of money from the register, cigarettes, cigars and \$15 from the clerk’s purse. Deputies said the robbers were described as between 18 and 20 years old. No one was injured during the robbery, deputies said.

August 21, 2007 10:00pm The Ten O’clock News
August 21, 2007 5:00a-9:00am The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Chad Povich said he moved out of the Haywood Plantations Apartments after being robbed at gunpoint in the parking lot. Povich said he and his parents were standing in the parking lot of his apartment complex when a man walked up and asked for a lighter. Povich told the man he didn’t smoke. That is when two other men joined the bandit, Povich said, and the trio pulled out guns. Povich said the three men got away with money, his wallet and his cell phone. They also punched his father in the face, Povich said. They were all wearing dark shorts, and the guy who robbed me had on a white shirt,” Povich said. Detectives said they are looking into similar robberies just off Pelham Road. Police said on Aug. 7, three men wearing white or red shirts and bandanas over their faces grabbed a woman from behind as she walked along a sidewalk at Ashworth Apartments. They punched her in the stomach and snatched a chain from around her neck, police said. Police said on Aug. 9, two men pulled a gun on a man at the Churchill At Pelham Apartments. They stole his phone, cash and credit cards, police said. Then on Aug. 10, police said three men walked up to another man in the parking lot of Breckenridge Apartments. They got away with his wallet, credit cards and phone. Investigators said they are not sure if the crimes are being fueled by gang initiations, but they are looking into that possibility. Police said they have stepped up patrols near those apartments.

August 27, 2007 10:00pm The Ten O’clock News
August 27, 2007 5:00a-9:00am The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies said they are investigating two armed robberies that happened at two gas stations on Sunday night. The first robbery happened at the ‘Lil Cricket store on Sulphur Springs Road around 11:30 p.m. Sunday. Deputies said a man with a gun walked into the store and demanded money. The man got away with some cash, but deputies did not say how much. The second robbery happened at the ‘Lil Cricket store on Old Augusta Road around midnight Monday. Deputies said the bandit walked into the store and implied to the clerk he had a gun and demanded money. Deputies did not say how much money the second bandit got away with. Deputies asked anyone with information on these crimes to call the Greenville County Sheriff’s Office.

August 27, 2007 10:00pm The Ten O’clock News
August 27, 2007 5:00a-9:00am The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies said they are investigating two different robberies at two Hot Spot convenience stores that happened early Monday. Deputies said the first robbery happened around 3 a.m. at the Hot Spot on Gossett Road. A man walked into the store, said he had a gun and demanded money, deputies said. The man got away with an unknown amount of cash. Deputies said they are working to get a description of the man’s get-away car. The second robbery happened at the Hot Spot on East Main Street around 6 a.m. Deputies said a man walked into the store, said he had a gun and demanded money. Deputies said they are reviewing security camera video to see if the two robberies are connected.

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DESCRIPTION: Two teenagers said that a man who said he had a knife tried to get in their car in the parking lot of a grocery store. The driver of the car said she did not want to be identified because she is still scared since the man who did this is still on the loose. The driver said she and a friend made a quick stop at the Bi-Lo grocery store on Reidville Road around 10:30

p.m. Saturday. "We have a friend that works there and we were just coming to hang out because we were bored," said the driver. The driver said as she and her friend walked up to their car, a man approached them. As the driver was closing her door, she said, the man jerked the door open and told the girls he wanted their cell phones. "I was thinking, am I going to die? What's going on?" the driver said. The driver said the man then tried to jump in the back seat and that is when she closed the door and sped off. The carjacker also said he had a knife and that he had lookouts that would shoot them if they drove off, the driver said. The girls said they never saw a knife and no shots were ever fired. Investigators said they are still reviewing security camera video from Bi-Lo. They asked anyone with information on this case to call 58-CRIME.

August 30, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 30, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Police said they found three children who were living in a house covered with urine, dog feces and trash. Police said in addition to the filthy conditions in the house, they found a knife, razor blade and cigarette butts on the floor. They also said there was a bug infestation. The children, who are 2, 3 and 7 years old, were taken into the custody of the Department of Social Services to be cared for, police said. "I know those little children didn't have anyone watching them half the time," said neighbor James Pashal. Police arrested the mother, 26-year-old Beverly Collopy, and charged her with child neglect. "The children would sometimes be laying out in the street, and cars would be coming up over the hill," Pashal said. "It bothers me because I don't allow mine to walk out on the front porch by themselves." Collopy was released on a \$50,000 bond. Family members said they are waiting for the father of the children to be charged, as well.

August 31, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 31, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies said they are looking for two men who tried to break into a home and ended up punching a woman in the face. Tammy Pearson said she noticed two men on the front porch of her parent's home. She walked over and asked them what they were doing. The men told her they were doing work around the house. However, Tammy said something was not right. "I called my mom and dad, and they said, 'No! No!'" Pearson said. Pearson said after she confronted them about the break-in, they ran into some woods and she chased after them. "He was struggling and dropped the screw driver, so I picked it up and threw it at him and hit him in the back," said Pearson. "When I did he turned around and punched me and I flew backward." Pearson said by the time she got back up, the two men were gone and she was left with a black eye. Deputies said the two men never made their way inside the house to take anything. Pearson said she's grateful for that. "That's my mom and dad and they worked hard for this stuff," Pearson said. Deputies have released a description of the two men: The first man was described as a 27-year-old white male about 5 feet, 9 inches tall and between 250 and 275 pounds. He has brown hair with crew cut. He was also wearing a diamond stud in his left ear and belt buckle with #20 on it. The second man was described as a 22 or 23-year-old white male about 5 feet, 11 inches tall and about 160 pounds. He was wearing a black ski hat and a white T-shirt. Deputies asked anyone with information to contact Crime Stoppers at 864-231-STOP.

August 31, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 31, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Police said they have arrested one of the two suspects named in the shooting death of a Spartanburg teenager. Police said 16-year-old Jameel Martin was shot in the head on Aug. 24 outside of his home at the Hanover Place Apartments. Jonathan Arledge and Fred Dawkins were named as suspects in the case, police said. Police said they arrested Arledge on Wednesday and charged him with murder. They said they are still looking for Dawkins. Police asked anyone with information on Dawkins' whereabouts to call Crime Stoppers at 58-CRIME.

September 4, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 4, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Investigators are hoping a reward will lead to tips in the case of vandalism that left a country club defaced with swastikas and racial slurs. The staff at Holly Tree Country Club said that from swastikas to anti-African-American slurs, two dozen messages have been left so far, twice in August and again over the past weekend. The vandals strike late at night, using a water-resistant chemical that burns the grass in large patches. Besides the swastikas, the words "kill n-----" were burned into six spots on the fairways. Now, the country club is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the vandals. The staff at the club has already called the FBI, the U.S. Marshall's office and local law

enforcement. They've also sent out this letter to members, detailing their efforts to get the hate crime resolved. Investigators said that they have received several tips including names, cars and license plates. Joe Jackson, with Holly Tree, said, "After you see how much damage they've done, you realize there is some real hatred amongst these people and I guess they are trying to get a message out and hopefully we can stop them and stop the message." Most of the symbols are in areas very visible from major roads and they are surrounded by homes. A complete fix is estimated to cost at least \$50,000. If you have any information, you are asked to call CrimeStoppers at 23-CRIME. To ease nerves, the country club staff is trying to cover-up the damage. Farrell said, "Hopefully, the publicity brought to bear on the case will result in the capture of the mutants that did this." The club has a few leads, including footprints, but not enough to close a case. Farrell said, "It strikes to the core of your soul because you know there is a lot of hate in it."

September 5, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 5, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Seven people were arrested during an undercover sex sting at a park bathroom, police said Wednesday. The arrests come after residents living near the park reported "questionable behavior" at the bathroom. "A guy pulls up in a Taurus and another guy follows him in, and they come back out just chit-chatting with each other," said Ben Parker, a person who lives near the park. Police said they sent in several undercover detectives to investigate the complaints. Investigators said they discovered a number of sex crimes going on inside the bathroom. The crimes include solicitation of crimes against nature, indecent exposure and sexual battery. Police said an Episcopal priest from Florida, Michael Penland, and an art studio owner, Dane Burr, were among those arrested. Police said they have stepped up patrol of the park in an effort to curb the problem.

September 6, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 6, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Longtime attorney for Greenville County Schools and a former county councilman Wade Cleveland was charged with computer sex crimes on Wednesday. Cleveland worked for the school district for 20 years, and suddenly resigned this summer. Deputies said the investigation into Cleveland began in late July after maintenance work was conducted on school district computers. School officials told deputies they found pictures and videos of underage boys performing sex acts. Deputies said those images were located on Cleveland's hard drive. "The photographs depicted on that hard drive were actually child pornography," said Lt. Shea Smith with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. Cleveland was charged with 14 counts of sexual exploitation of a minor. He was released on a \$140,000 bond. "I am completely surprised," said Cleveland as he left the Greenville County Detention Center on Wednesday. "I am totally unaware that I did anything illegal. I am innocent." Deputies said none of the pictures or videos were produced locally. They said Cleveland got them through various web sites. Each count of sexual exploitation of a minor carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

September 11, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 11, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Thieves targeted another apartment complex near the intersection of Pelham and Haywood roads. This time two people who were visiting a friend at the Plantation At Haywood were attacked in the parking lot by six teenagers, police said. Police said the thieves came from some woods between two buildings, threw the two people to the ground, punched them and robbed them. Residents of the apartments said they are fed up with the lack of safety in the area. "I put a letter together telling them I didn't feel safe and I wanted to move, but they won't let me out of my lease, and they tell me there is nothing that can be done about that," said Anthony, one resident. Anthony said he would like to see security measures stepped up. "The lighting around here is bad and I have asked if anything can be done about it," Anthony said. Greenville police said they are advising residents to pay attention to their surroundings. Margie Smith said she often jogs early in the morning and late at night. "I carry Mace outside my door, and you just have to watch your back," Smith said. Police said they are stepping patrols in the area. The apartment officials said they now have a guard on the grounds around the clock.

September 17, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 17, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Police arrested seven students Thursday after a fight at Mauldin High School. Police said the fight was part of a gang initiation. The fight happened in the bathroom located next to the front office on Aug. 28. Police said a 15-year-old student was jumped by seven boys after he asked to join the Bloods. They said the boys who attacked the 15-year-old are

members of the gang. Police arrested Carlton Baker, Dwight Huggins, Jordan Johnson and Jatavis Norris. They are charged with lynching, disturbing school and violations of criminal gang activity. The other three students arrested are not considered adults, so their names and charges have not been released. Parents of Mauldin High students were notified of the fight by school officials. "I can't believe high school kids would do something like this, but I feel sorry for them and sorry for the parents," one student's mother said.

September 17, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 17, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Police said a group of men who were arrested Thursday on charges of kidnapping a man, may be the same people responsible for a spree of robberies at apartments along Pelham Road. Police said a man was getting out of his car at the Breckinridge Apartments when three young men forced him back inside his car. "They drove him around to ATMs, forcing him to get money," said Cpl. Jason Rampey with Greenville police. Police said the three men made the victim go back to his apartment, which they robbed. Then the bandits held the man overnight at a motel and beat him during the night. Police said the next day they made the man write personal checks and cash them at various places. That's when the man asked for help. "He went inside and told the employee that he had been kidnapped and at that time called 911," Rampey said. Police arrived within minutes of the call, and the three men were arrested. The arrests come on the heels of several robberies at apartment complexes in the same area as the kidnapping. Police said they believe the three men arrested in the kidnapping case could be to blame for the series of robberies.

September 17, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 17, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Police and sheriff's deputies across two counties are searching for a pair of armed robbers who held up three stores on Saturday. The first robbery happened Saturday morning at a Laurens County convenience store. The clerk said two men walked into the store with a gun and demanded money. The clerk was able to give investigators enough information for them to assemble sketches of the two men. The second robbery happened at P.T.'s Spirits, a liquor store in Fountain Inn. The third robbery happened at another Fountain Inn liquor store, The Village Package store on South Main Street. Investigators said the two robbers were caught on camera at the third store waving a gun at the clerk and demanding money. Police said the men were seen leaving in a older model, gold Cadillac. Police said the two men should be considered armed and dangerous. Investigators asked anyone with information on any of the robberies to call Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME.

September 27, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 27, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Troopers and deputies got more than they bargained for when they pulled over a car on Interstate 85 in Spartanburg County on Thursday afternoon. Troopers said they pulled over a red compact rental car along I-85 near the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport exit. The stop quickly turned into a search for drugs. Officers said they searched the car and found a plastic bag packed with pot inside the car's glove compartment. The bag of marijuana was estimated to weigh about a pound, officers said. Officers said two people who were inside the car were arrested, but they did not say if the pair has been charged in the case.

September 28, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 28, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Detectives used an 18-year-old undercover buyer to purchase alcohol from stores across the county. "I've had some friends who've been caught with it," said Will, the undercover buyer. "They're underage and it got them in some trouble with parents and the law." Detectives said there are not any tricks being used during the undercover operation. Will shows store clerks his real driver's license when he makes the purchase. During the start of the sting, everyone seemed to be in compliance with the law. However, when detectives stopped at a Spinx gas station on Woodruff Road, Will walked out with a beer. Detectives moved in and informed the clerk who sold the alcohol that she was being ticketed for selling alcohol to a minor and would have to pay a \$672.50 fine. The fines have increased from \$233 last year since [South Carolina's](#) new Alcohol Enforcement Law went into effect. Investigators also stopped at a Blue Jay store on Woodruff Road, and Will walked out with another illegal purchase. Detectives said in one case, the clerk asked for Will's ID, but still sold the alcohol to him. However, in most cases clerks didn't ask for any form of ID. Investigators said they are enforcing the law in an effort to save lives. "We

see cases of alcohol toxicity, where kids actually have alcohol poisoning,” said Sgt. Brian Donnelly, with the Greenville County Sheriff’s Office.

September 28, 2007

10:00pm

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5:00a-9:00am

The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Police blocked off Main Street in downtown to investigate a bomb threat on Wednesday. The threat was made against a business in the Wachovia Place Financial Center at 15 South Main St. just after noon. The building was evacuated, and police blocked off Main Street between [Washington](#) and McBee while they investigated the threat. K-9 units were called in to search for any explosive devices. Their search came up empty. Workers were allowed back in the building around 2 p.m.

Attachments



Education

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **EDUCATION**

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July 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 12, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The Ware Shoals High School principal accused of telling cheerleaders not to talk to police about alleged misconduct by their coach has retired. Superintendent Fay Sprouse said Wednesday Jane Blackwell retired after nearly 14 years with the school district. Blackwell had been principal for almost three years. She was charged in January with obstruction of justice during an investigation into cheerleading coach Jill Moore. Blackwell was suspended after her arrest and was eventually reassigned to the district's technology department. Moore resigned after she was charged with giving alcohol and cigarettes to students and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. No trial date has been scheduled for either Blackwell or Moore.

July 23, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION: Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, said Monday it is cutting prices on more than 16,000 items starting this week in a bid to turn around sales for the critical back-to-school season. The price cuts, which range from 10 percent to 50 percent, will be backed by a new ad campaign on how to save money as gas prices remain high and kids head back to school. The cuts are deeper and involve even more items than in the year-ago period and top the 11,000 items discounted right before last year's holiday season kicked off, according to Melissa O'Brien, a company spokeswoman. Wal-Mart has been playing up its low prices since late last year after getting hurt by a focus on trendy merchandise in an effort to get affluent customers to buy more than just groceries. While the upscale strategy worked in electronics, such as \$1,000 flat-panel TVs, it failed in home furnishings and apparel, resulting in sluggish sales since last fall. So far this fiscal year, Wal-Mart has averaged a same-store sales gain of a meager 1 percent, compared to rival Target Corp.'s 4.1 percent increase, according to Thomson First Call. Same-store sales are sales at stores open at least a year and are considered a key indicator of a retailer's health. In April, Wal-Mart's same-store sales dropped - the weakest performance since it began publishing monthly sales in 1980. Last year, Wal-Mart's same-store sales averaged a 2.1 percent increase, while Target had a 4.9 percent increase. Wal-Mart did enjoy some improvement last month when it posted a better-than-expected same-store sales gain of 2.4 percent, indicating that its more aggressive discount strategy may be resonating with shoppers. "We'll provide families savings where it counts, and continue to work closely with key suppliers, reduce packaging and lower shipping costs as we steer this program through fall and beyond," Bill Simon, chief operating officer, Wal-Mart Stores U.S., said in a statement. Under Wal-Mart's new pricing plan, \$1 will be able to buy 4 wide ruled notebooks, 2 bottles Elmer's glue (4 oz.) and a 24-pack of crayons. A \$50 budget will be able to purchase a week's worth of school clothes, and \$80 will buy two pair of prescription glasses at the Wal-Mart Vision Center. The price cutting campaign comes as Wal-Mart has also been making changes to its merchandising team. The company said on Friday that Claire Watts, a top Wal-Mart apparel merchant, has resigned. The executive had been behind the failed makeover to trendy items from low-price basics. As part of the changes, Wal-Mart promoted Dottie Mattison, formerly chief merchant for Walmart.com, to senior vice president overseeing women's apparel, jewelry, shoes and accessories as well as product development. Mattison will be based in the company's trend office in New York City. Wal-Mart share rose 6 cents to \$48.12 in early afternoon trading.

July 26, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 26, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Students who had more math courses in high school did better in all types of science once they got to college, researchers say. On the other hand, while high school courses in biology, chemistry or physics improved college performance in each of the individual sciences, taking a high school course in once science didn't result in better college performance in the others. Philip M. Sadler of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and Robert H. Tai of the University of Virginia surveyed 8,474 students taking introductory science courses at 63 U.S. colleges and universities. Their findings are reported in

Friday's edition of the journal *Science*. Science educators debate the effect of the order in which students take science courses. Since the 1890s biology has tended to come first, followed by chemistry and then physics. Some educators argue that physics should be taught earlier because it will help students understand the other two science areas; other say having chemistry first will help in learning biology. But in this study neither was the case. Using a scale of 0-to-100 points, Sadler and Tai found that every year of high school math a student took added 1.86 points to their grade in college chemistry. Taking chemistry in high school added 1.72 points to the college grade, but taking biology or physics in high school had no significant impact on the college chemistry grade. Likewise, students taking college biology got a 1.84 point boost for each year of high school math. Taking high school biology got them an extra 1.35 points, but high school chemistry and physics had not significant effect. And for physics, each year of high school math added 1.28 points, in high school physics gave a 1.32 point boost, while high school biology and chemistry had no impact. "I was surprised," Sadler said in a telephone interview. "I had a very open mind about whether this kind of early preparation would pay off". "The most important thing for high school science teachers is to make sure there is lots of math in whatever science course they teach," Sadler said. "Math is so important in college science." The paper does note that other variables not measured in their study may also have an impact, such as a student's interest in a particular subject and their parents' occupations. Gerry Wheeler, executive director of the National Science Teachers Association, welcomed the paper as a source of new data for making decisions on science teaching. "The correlation with math makes sense," he said. But Wheeler, who as not part of the research group, cautioned that a correlation isn't necessarily the same as cause and effect. The research was supported by the National Science Foundation.

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DESCRIPTION: Average math and reading SAT scores nationwide fell four points for the high school class of 2007 to their lowest mark since 1999. In Washington State, the same scores fell two points. Last spring's graduating seniors scored on average 502, out of a possible 800 points, on the critical reading section of the country's most popular college entrance exam, down from 503 for the class of 2006 nationally. Math scores fell three points from 518 to 515. This year's declines follow a seven-point drop last year for the first class to take a lengthened and redesigned SAT, which included higher-level math questions and eliminated analogies. The College Board, which owns the exam, insisted the new exam wasn't harder and attributed last year's drop to fewer students taking the exam a second time. Students typically fare about 30 points better when they take the exam again. The College Board's score report, for release Tuesday, did not offer an explanation why this year's scores were even lower, but it did note that a record number of students - just short of 1.5 million - took the test. The cohort of test-takers also was the most diverse ever, with minority students accounting for 39 percent: There has been a persistent gap between the scores of whites and the two largest U.S. minority groups, Hispanics and blacks. In New York, 89 percent of students took the exam, up from 88 percent last year. Maine recently became the first state to use the SAT to meet its Grade 11 assessment requirements under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, and 100 percent of students took the exam there, compared to about three-quarters in the class of 2006. In Washington, 53 percent of students took the SAT, one percentage point lower than a year earlier, and the average scores were 526 in reading and 531 in math, each down one point from 2006. The state's average scores were the highest among states in which more than 30 percent of eligible students took the test. While the growing number of test-takers is considered a sign more people are interested in college, it can also weigh down average scores, because the pool of test-takers expands by including, on average, more lower-scoring students. The number of black students taking the SAT rose 6 percent, and the number of test-takers calling themselves "Other Hispanic, Latino or Latin American" (a group that does not include Puerto Ricans or Mexican Americans) rose more than 25 percent. Average scores also slipped from 497 to 494 on the writing portion of the SAT, which debuted with the class of 2006. Many colleges are waiting to see results from the first few years of data on the writing exam before determining how to use it. In Washington the writing score was 510, a one-point decline. Figures released earlier this month on the rival ACT exam showed a slight increase - from 21.1 last year to 21.2, on a scale of 1 to 36 - for the class of 2007. The SAT has historically been more popular on the East and West coasts, while the ACT has been more popular in the Midwest and inland western states. But more and more students are taking both exams to try to improve their college resumes.

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The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: School officials said they have suspended four football coaches at Calhoun Falls High School after they were caught drinking on the field. "What were they thinking out there?" said sophomore Justin Gilchrist. "They were making a bad decision." Officials said the coaches had just finished painting lines on the field on Thursday for the game on Friday night. To cool off, the coaches started drinking some beers. Although there were not any students around, the superintendent said that because they were on school grounds, they had to be suspended for the rest of the season. "It was a stiff punishment, but that's what it warranted, I think," head coach Kenya Fouch said. "We try to teach our guys that there are consequences to the decisions you make. Even a bad decision can be made by really good people." On Monday, the school's softball coach, Ricky Holland Sr., resigned after one of his players accused him of sexually harassing her. He too has been suspended from coaching. Fouch said that even though this isn't the attention he had hoped for his team, he is confident the students will be able to move past this quickly. "The Bible says what doesn't kill you makes you stronger, and we're not dead yet," Fouch said.

September 6, 2007

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The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Cutbacks have forced a Massachusetts town to stop all school bus service, WCVB-TV in Needham reported. And the situation has Randolph parents fuming. It is a drastic cut brought on by years of flat state funding and three failed Proposition 2 tax overrides during the past five years. By cutting busing, the town was able to spare seven teaching positions. As students arrived for the first day of classes on Wednesday, many parents complained about the change. "Where is the bus? I'm losing time working. Somebody got to do something," said parent Pedro Gill. The school system said it was forced to slash \$4 million from the budget and was left with no alternative but to cut busing. "We are in the position where we don't have any more teachers that we can cut," said Randolph Superintendent Dr. Richard Silverman. Under Massachusetts state law, school districts don't have to provide transportation for students in grades kindergarten through 6 who live less than two miles from their assigned schools. There are no bus requirements for grades 7 and up regardless of how far students live from the school. Randolph drew new districts for its elementary schools, so no student needs to travel more than two miles to get to their school. The move saves the school about \$350,000 a year. "This is a real crisis for our school system," Silverman said. But it is also a crisis for many parents in town who cannot miss work and do not want their children to walk as many as two miles or take public transportation. "I don't have the means to take time off of work to make sure I can get them to school and get them back from school," parent Daryl Burns said. Parents are being asked to form car pools and walking groups.

September 24, 2007

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September 24, 2007

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The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: South Carolina's fourth- and eighth-graders made no significant improvement on national math and [reading](#) tests taken earlier this year compared with children who took the exams two years ago. Students' scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress hover around the national average. Palmetto State students did their best in eighth-grade math. The students had an average score of 282 out of 500. That's two points higher than the national average. However, that was just a one point increase from the last time state-specific test scores were released in 2005. Eighth-graders' reading scores were four points lower than the national average. Fourth-graders scored two points lower than the national average in math and six points lower in reading.

September 25, 2007
September 25, 2007

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The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Organizers had to bring out extra chairs to seat the overflow crowd that wanted to educate themselves about gangs. During Monday night's meeting, attendees were schooled on the signs of gang activity. They also learned what to look for in regards to specific gangs like the Bloods, Crips, Folk and Arian Nation. Police said even though none of the gang paraphernalia is from the area, they hope educating their citizens will combat a growing problem. "It's something that statistics say is growing," said Mauldin Police Chief Bryan Turner. "I don't want to say we are opening our eyes to it, but it has caught our attention." Police said recent vandalism, including graffiti, is one of the ways gangs make their presence known. "Graffiti, tagging, the inside of a home was destroyed, even the back of some signs," said Turner. Some parents said they attended the meeting out of curiosity. "I just want to see what the police know and what they are doing to make sure it's not a widespread problem," said Liz Anne Olyarchuck, a parent. Police said they plan to hold another meeting on Oct. 1 at the Solid Ground Outreach Church in Mauldin at 7 p.m.

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Environment

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **ENVIRONMENT**

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July 8, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 9, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A large black plume of smoke was a common site Sunday afternoon during a large fire at Jackson Mill, but officials said they are concerned about what may be inside that cloud of smoke. Officials said materials found inside a typical textile mill, such as plastics and dye, were just some of the toxins being watched for by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). "So long as the smoke can go up and break up, but if there are clouds and the smoke has to settle then that can be a problem," said Thom Berry with DHEC. DHEC positioned air quality monitors throughout the area surrounding the old Jackson Mill. The monitors give real-time information about what is floating around in the air. "We are also working with the water district to make sure the water quality in the area remains good for the customers, and also to make sure any runoff from the fire fighters efforts doesn't pollute either Jennings Creek or the North Tiger River," said Berry. DHEC said the air and water quality did not appear to be affected as of late Sunday afternoon.

July 17, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 17, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A recent sewage spill and a ban on playing on the rocks at Reedy River Falls begged the question- what is really in the river? To answer the question, FOX Carolina asked a microbiologist Matt Morgan from Greenville Tech to test the Reedy River's water and report on his findings. Morgan took numerous samples from the river using bottles, swabs and other testing equipment. At his Greenville Tech lab, Morgan found hundreds of thousands of bacteria present in the Reedy River. Morgan said there is a higher than normal fecal count in the water. He found the biggest culprit to be E.Coli. He said it is not the deadly strain that was the focus of recent produce scares, but the E.Coli found in the river can be harmful. Morgan also found other forms of intestinal bacteria. Some of them can cause infections, nausea and vomiting. Morgan said he recommends elderly people, young children and people with suppressed immune systems stay out of the water. While it is not guaranteed you will get sick, Morgan said there is no guarantee you will not get sick either. Morgan said his findings did not shock him. He said bacteria lives and breeds in many rivers, with the Reedy being no exception. Asked if he would swim in the Reedy River, Morgan said, "No way."

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July 30, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The number of tropical storms developing annually in the Atlantic Ocean more than doubled over the past century, with the increase taking place in two jumps, researchers say. The increases coincided with rising sea surface temperature, largely the byproduct of human-induced climate warming, researchers Greg J. Holland and Peter J. Webster concluded. Their findings were being published online Sunday by Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London. An official at the National Hurricane Center called the research "sloppy science" and said technology improvements in observing storms accounted for the increase. From 1905 to 1930, the Atlantic-Gulf Coast area averaged six tropical cyclones per year, with four of those storms growing into becoming hurricanes. The annual average jumped to 10 tropical storms and five hurricanes from 1931 to 1994. From 1995 to 2005, the average was 15 tropical storms and eight hurricanes. Even in 2006, widely reported as a mild year, there were 10 tropical storms. "We are currently in an upward swing in frequency of named storms and hurricanes that has not stabilized," said Holland, director of mesoscale and microscale meteorology at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado. "I really do not know how much further, if any, that it will go, but my sense is that we shall see a stabilization in frequencies for awhile, followed by potentially another upward swing if global warming continues unabated", Holland said. It is normal for chaotic systems such as weather and climate to move in sharp steps rather than gradual trends, he said. "What did surprise me when we firms found it in 2005 was that the increases had developed for so long without us noticing it," he said in an interview by e-mail. Holland said about half the U.S. population and "a large slice" of business are "directly vulnerable" to hurricanes. Our urban and industrial planning and building codes are based on past history," he said. If the future is different, "then we run the very real risk of these being found inadequate, as was so graphically displayed by (Hurricane) Katrina in New Orleans." Hurricanes derive their energy

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August 2, 2007 5a-9:00am The Morning News
 DESCRIPTION: An anhydrous ammonia leak that authorities called minor prompted a voluntary evacuation near the site. Robby Stevenson of the Greenwood Fire Department said the ammonia leaked from a tanker car on a train near the Greenwood County Detention Center. The American Red Cross has set up a welcome center for residents who felt it was necessary to evacuate their homes. The evacuation center was opened at the Main Street United Methodist Church at 211 North Main St. Stevenson said hazmat teams were called in to stop the leak and clean up the scene. There was no word on what caused the ammonia to leak out of the tanker car.

August 1, 2007 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News
 August 2, 2007 5a-9:00am The Morning News
 DESCRIPTION: The U.S. Geological Survey has reported a 7.2-magnitude earthquake striking about 50 miles southeast of the island of Vanuatu in the Pacific Ocean. The magnitude and location may be revised when additional data and further analysis results are available, the agency said. No reports of damage or casualties have been received by USGS. The quake hit at 4:08 a.m. local time. It did not trigger any tsunamis around the archipelago and little damage was expected because it originated 108 miles beneath the ocean's surface, said Waverly Person, a geophysicist with the USGS National Earthquake Information Center. The Republic of Vanuatu is an archipelago of 83 islands located more than 1,000 miles east of Australia, and about 300 miles west of Fiji. It achieved independence from joint British-French control in 1980. Vanuatu has a population of 221,506, made up of Melanesian natives, Europeans, Asians and other Pacific islanders. Its economy is based mainly on small-scale agriculture, which provides a living for 65 percent of the population. Fishing, offshore financial services, and tourism. The island had more than 60,000 visitors in 2005, according to Vanuatu official sources.

August 7, 2007 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News
 August 7, 2007 5a-9:00am The Morning News
 DESCRIPTION: Even though some of the hottest weather so far this summer was moving in on Monday, it did not seem to be keeping people indoors. "It's so bad you can hardly breathe," said Charles Cooper, a construction worker. "Sweat is running off of us." Cooper said he and his men have a lot of work ahead of them working construction in downtown Greenville. "It's Michelin on Main," Cooper said. "We're putting steel up on the inside and cast iron, which is hot. Iron is always hot and we're doing a lot of welding." Cooper said he encouraged his crew to take more breaks and drink lots of water and Gatorade. "People don't realize how hot it is if you work outside every day," Cooper said. "With no shade and no air conditioning, you've got to bear it. It's rough." Many families at the Reedy River Falls said they are going to enjoy the outdoors no matter how hot it gets. "I heard 100 degrees the rest of the week," said dog walker James Allen. "That's really hot." Some people equipped themselves to deal with the scorching heat. "This is a hydration pack," explained resident Josh Dew. "There's a plastic bladder in my backpack full of water and all you do is suck on it." Whether they're working or just looking to enjoy the outdoors, everyone said they are watching the forecast. "Rain and cloudy would be nice," said construction worker Doug Wood. "Ten to 15 degrees cooler would make a big difference."

August 7, 2007 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News
 August 7, 2007 5a-9:00am The Morning News
 DESCRIPTION: With sweltering temperatures spreading across the country, health experts said the best thing to do is find an air-conditioned room and hunker down. Highs in the 90s are expected from the western Plains to the East Coast. Hurricanes, tornados and lightning might be more dramatic, but one Missouri meteorologist said they're not as deadly as heat. Ben Miller of the National Weather Service said the baking temperatures are generally the No. 1 weather-related killer. In Indianapolis, the city is implementing its extreme heat plan for the first time in three years. Blazing heat and oppressive humidity are in store for most of the state for the next couple of days. All of the city's air-conditioned community centers will remain open for an additional four hours, until 10 p.m. The city's pools and spray pools in parks will also have extended hours. Some fire hydrants will be opened in areas where there are no pools nearby. Mayor Bart Peterson said the heat wave presents a life-or-death situation for many of the city's elderly and less fortunate. "Residents who may need help need to know that there are places for them to go to escape the heat," Peterson said. "A wide array of city and community services are at our disposal to help prevent heat-related illnesses." In Columbus, Ohio, the air conditioning in the nine-story police headquarters failed over the weekend. Police spokeswoman Amanda Ford said it could be several days before the problem is fixed. Thermostats show people are working amid temperatures in the upper 80s, she said. Portable fans are helping police and other department employees conduct business as usual. Much of Georgia is under a heat advisory, and no relief is in sight for the rest of the week. NWS meteorologist Matt Sena said that the hottest spot will likely be along the coast, where the combination of hot temperatures and high humidity is expected to create a dangerous heat index of around 115 degrees for at least a few hours Tuesday afternoon. The metro Atlanta area should see a heat index of around 105 degrees Tuesday afternoon, and barely cooling down at night. While it's not a record and not even that unusual for this time of year, it's still been a while since

Atlanta last saw such high temperatures, Sena said. Some of the hottest temperatures of the year in Tennessee are expected this week. Compounding the heat is poor air quality, meteorologists said. Particulate pollution is expected to reach high enough levels that prolonged exposure could cause problems for people with heart or lung disease, older adults and children. Officials are warning people to stay out of the sun whenever possible and drink plenty of water. It's also important not to leave children or pets alone in a hot car.

September 7, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 7, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The Department of Health and Environmental Control has issued a swimming advisory for the Reedy River following a sewage spill Thursday. DHEC said the spill happened near [the Vietnam War Memorial](#) in Cleveland Park and has affected an area about one mile downstream. Officials said swimming or wading in the water should be avoided until noon Friday. DHEC advised that pets should not be allowed to drink from the effected part of the river.

September 17, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION: Ice cover in the Arctic Ocean, long held to be an early warning of a changing climate, has shattered the all-time low record this summer, scientists say. Additionally, the European Space Agency said nearly 200 satellite photos this month taken together showed an ice-free passage along northern Canada, Alaska and Greenland, according to news reports. Ice was retreating to its lowest level since such images were first taken in 1978, according to a report from The Associated Press. Using satellite data and imagery, the U.S. National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) now estimates the Arctic ice pack to cover 4.24 million square kilometers (1.63 million square miles) -- equal to just less than half the size of the United States. That figure is about 20 percent less than the previous all-time low of 5.32 million square kilometers (2.05 million square miles) set in September 2005. Mark Serreze, senior research scientist at NSIDC, termed the decline "astounding." "It's almost an exclamation point on the pronounced ice loss we've seen in the past 30 years," he said. Most researchers had anticipated the complete disappearance of the Arctic ice pack during summer months would happen after the year 2070, he said, but now, "losing summer sea ice cover by 2030 is not unreasonable." Leif Toudal Pedersen of the Danish National Space Center told the AP that Arctic ice has shrunk to some 1 million square miles. The previous low was 1.5 million square miles, in 2005. "The strong reduction in just one year certainly raises flags that the ice (in summer) may disappear much sooner than expected," Pedersen said in an ESA statement posted on its Web site Friday, according to AP. Scores of peer-reviewed scientific studies have documented a steady, worldwide decline in ice cover, from the sea-bound ice covering the North Pole to the vast, land-based ice sheets that cover the Antarctic continent. Glaciers, from Greenland to the Alps to Mount Kilimanjaro near the equator, have also been vanishing. The loss of land-based ice is predicted to lead to a future rise in sea levels. Most estimates predict a rise ranging from a few inches to a meter or more. A substantial rise in sea level could imperil low-lying areas from Bangladesh to Miami to Lower Manhattan, and could magnify the damage from landfalling hurricanes and cyclones. While the loss of sea ice, like the Arctic ice pack, would not contribute to sea level rise, wildlife experts say it could alter the Arctic ecology, threatening polar bears and other mammals and sea life. Scientists add that an ice-free Arctic could also accelerate global warming, as white-colored ice tends to deflect heat, while darker-colored water would absorb more heat. But along with concerns, the melting Arctic also raises possible opportunities on business and political fronts. This summer, both Russia and the United States made efforts to inventory the potential mineral wealth on the ocean floor beneath the declining ice pack. Russia also sent a submarine to the North Pole to stake a symbolic claim to the Arctic as a part of the Russian nation. The decline in ice also raises the possibility of an ice-free "Northwest Passage," a shipping route north of the Canadian mainland that could provide a shortcut for transit between the Atlantic and Pacific. It is possible that the Arctic sea ice could decline even further this year before the onset of winter, Serreze said. Ice levels can reach their low point anywhere from mid-September to early October

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Government

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM OR NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **GOVERNMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Sundays	10:00 am	FOX NEWS SUNDAY

DESCRIPTION:

Fox News Sunday is a national weekly program with current events and political issues. (60:00)

July 3, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 3, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The rocks at Reedy River Falls in downtown Greenville have become a popular place for splash-splashing fun. However, city leaders said Monday that sliding on the rocks is just too dangerous. The Greenville City Council approved an ordinance Monday night that prohibits climbing or sliding on the rocks. They called the practice unsafe, and posted signs around the park noting the new rule. "This year it has become the in thing for people to do and it's dangerous," said Greenville City Manager Jim Bourey. "Someone could slide back and hit their head and we'll have to pull them out. It's happened this year already. Park goers seemed to be split on the city's decision. "You don't need younger kids seeing older kids doing stupid things, so it's probably in the best interest they not be allowed to come down the falls," said Mike Weyman, a resident. "It's the people's choice," said Jerry Bursing, another resident. "They know the risks." In addition to rock sliding being prohibited, the ordinance also said climbing on the Liberty Bridge or destruction of the bank is also against the rules. The ordinance will be read a second time during Monday night's City Council meeting.

July 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 9, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Democratic presidential candidate and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson made several stops in the upstate on Saturday. Richardson spoke to the Greenville County Democrats as part of Richardson's grassroots approach. "I have to meet a lot of people," Richardson said. "I go to parades, town meetings and visit small towns. That's how I believe voters want to see presidential candidates. Richardson said one thing Americans need right now is unity. "I believe this country needs to heal its wounds," Richardson said. "We're too divided over Iraq, immigration and the middle class is being strained with enormous financial pressures." Area Democrats approved of many of Gov. Richardson's points with rounds of applause, but that didn't mean the second-tier candidate has sealed their support. "I'm not sure I view him as the best candidate to beat," said Rick Zepel, a Greenville County Democrat. "We need someone who's somewhat more high-profile." Richardson said he believes he can do well in South Carolina. "The response has been good and South Carolina is going to have a big hand in electing the next president," Richardson said. The South Carolina Democratic Primary will be held on Jan. 29.

July 16, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 16, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Presidential hopeful John McCain's South Carolina campaign spokesman has left the campaign. Adam Temple became the campaign's chief spokesman after another staffer took a political assignment. Temple's resignation represents just one in a string of changes nationally, and in South Carolina, for the Arizona senator's stalling campaign. National Communications Director Brian Jones and deputies Matt David and Danny Diaz handed in their resignations on Monday, as well. Temple said his decision was based in part on those departures. Last week, campaign manager Terry Nelson and chief strategist John Weaver also left McCain's camp. McCain has slashed staff and reorganized after lackluster fundraising.

July 17, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 18, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Ann Romney, wife of Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, made a stop in Greenville on Tuesday as part of her Women For Mitt bus tour. Romney shared her love story and the perils of campaigning in front of a crowd at the popular Sobey's restaurant, all in hopes of winning the hearts and minds of South Carolina voters. "Mitt and I are not as well known in South Carolina, but we are going to be and we are doing very well in places like Iowa and New Hampshire where we spend a lot of time, and now it's time for us to spend a little more time down here," Romney said. The Palmetto State is a state many candidates are trying to win since it's the first in the South to host a Republican primary. "We are an early state, and when someone wins here, it helps them build momentum," said Republican National Committee representative Cindy Costa. Romney said they are hoping recent fundraising shortcomings by the McCain camp will help them build momentum in some key states. "It's probably going to eliminate another competitor, and we are hoping Mitt will continue to rise," said Romney. "We appreciate Sen. McCain. We appreciate him as a campaigner, and we don't count him out yet." The Women For Mitt bus tour continues through South Carolina on Wednesday.

July 24, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 24, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Thomas Ravenel resigned Tuesday as South Carolina treasurer following a federal cocaine possession charge. In a brief statement following his first court appearance on Tuesday, Ravenel said he was disappointed in his actions and apologized to the people of South Carolina. Ravenel said he submitted his resignation to Gov. Mark Sanford, who accepted it. The resignation is effective immediately, Ravenel said. Ravenel appeared in a federal courtroom in Columbia where he pleaded not guilty to a conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine charge. The former treasurer will meet with a probation officer Wednesday in Charleston, and Thursday will go to a New Mexico rehabilitation center for a 30-day step-down program, Ravenel's attorney said. Jury selection in Ravenel's trial was scheduled to begin on Sept. 5. Ravenel was released on a \$100,000 bond.

July 24, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: President George W. Bush told airmen at Charleston Air Force Base on Tuesday there is a strong connection between the terrorist network al-Qaida and the war in Iraq. Bush used the speech to try to get the American public to think of the Iraq war as a matter of protecting the United States. Bush told the airmen that al-Qaida anywhere remains a threat to the United States, especially in Iraq. The president declassified information about al-Qaida's operation for his speech. He wanted to show al-Qaida in Iraq is a core part of the overall terror network. The president watched as supplies were loaded on a C-17 jet at the base, which ships thousands of tons of cargo to troops. Bush ate beef brisket, beans and fruit with the airmen. The president was invited to Charleston by Sen. Lindsey Graham.

July 31, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Gov. Mark Sanford named the man he hopes will get the state's highest accounting job when the General Assembly votes on the issue this Friday. Gov. Sanford said he wanted legislators to look outside the capitol building to find a qualified, reform-minded treasurer who will be committed to budget reform. Gov. Sanford picked Charleston County Council Chairman Tim Scott for the position. "We believe it's very important for the General Assembly to cast a wide net when looking for a new treasurer, because we don't believe it makes sense to look inwardly at only 170 people when you're talking about an office that's statewide in nature," Gov. Sanford said. Thomas Ravenel resigned from the post on July 24, after federal agents charged him with drug possession. Scott would become the state's first black constitutional officer since The Reconstruction. Legislators are scheduled to vote on who will fill the position on Friday.

July 31, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: A Senate plan to expand the State Children's Health Insurance program by \$35 billion has easily cleared a procedural hurdle. The vote was 80-0 on a motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. The program is designed to provide health care for children whose family income isn't low enough to qualify for Medicaid. The Senate plan would bring spending for the program to \$60 billion over the next five years. The expansion would be paid for by increasing the tax on a pack of cigarettes by 61 cents. Many Republicans argue the expansion is a step toward the federal government taking over the health care system. President George W. Bush has indicated he will veto the Senate bill. The White House has recommended a \$5 billion increase in the program.

August 3, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 3, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Summerville Rep. Converse Chellis was elected Friday as South Carolina's new state treasurer. He will complete the term of former Treasurer Thomas Ravenel, who resigned last month after appearing in federal court on a cocaine charge. Chellis won Friday's election in the state Legislature with 122 votes to just 34 for state Sen. Greg Ryberg. Chellis was the clear favorite going into the vote. Gov. Mark Sanford wanted lawmakers to elect Charleston County Council Chairman Tim Scott, but Scott was not even nominated. Just hours before the vote, the executive director of the state Budget and Control Board resigned. Henry White was supported by Sanford, Ravenel and Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom-- three of the five members on the board that controls state spending. It is expected that Chellis will side with the two legislative members of the board.

August 28, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 28, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Sen. Lindsey Graham said he wants President Bush to appoint fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge William Wilkins to replace outgoing Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. Graham said he spoke to Wilkins Monday after Gonzales stepped down and the longtime prosecutor and judge from Greenville would be willing to serve if the president asked. Graham said Wilkins is one of the most respected judges in the country and has the background, temperament and ability the country needs. Wilkins served as chief judge of the federal court in Richmond, Va., that hears appeals of federal cases from the Carolinas, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. He has been on the court since 1986.

August 30, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Law enforcement agencies across Georgia and the Carolinas said they are working together to crack down on drivers who break traffic laws. Officials said they are focusing on one area in particular and that is violation of the new Move Over law. The law requires drivers to move to the opposite lane and slow down when they see emergency vehicles pulled over. Drivers who do not follow the rule can be slapped with a hefty fine and a point against their license. Troopers said in the past two years, 54 North Carolina troopers have been struck while stopped on the road. "The fear of officers isn't being shot," said Lara Feinberg, founder of Families For Roadside Safety. "The fear now is being struck." Officials said they are also watching for drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs, and, of course, speeding. Officials said their summer driving season ends on Labor Day. Drivers can expect to see more officers on the roads and large number of checkpoints throughout the area, they said.

September 6, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 6, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Judge Don Beatty was sworn in as a state Supreme Court justice Wednesday afternoon. Beatty is the second black state Supreme Court justice since Reconstruction. A former House member, Beatty was elected in May by state lawmakers to replace E.C. Burnett III, who retired after 12 years on the high court. The 55-year-old Beatty will fill the remainder of Burnett's term, which expires in July 2010. Beatty, of Spartanburg, won the job over two colleagues on the Court of Appeals -- Chief Judge Kaye Hearn, of Conway, and Judge Bruce Williams, of Columbia. South Carolina is the only state where legislators alone select judges.

September 7, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 7, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: In his first videotape in three years, Osama bin Laden urges Americans to embrace Islam. According to a transcript posted by ABC News on its Web site, bin Laden tells Americans they should convert to Islam if they want the [war in Iraq](#) to end. According to the transcript, bin Laden also suggests another way to ending the war. He says "One is from our side, and it is to escalate the fighting and killing against you." A government official said bin Laden makes no overt threats against the U.S. in the nearly 30-minute tape. The video comes just days before the sixth anniversary of the September 11th attacks. Two terror monitoring groups reported Thursday that bin Laden is planning to release the videotaped message to mark the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. SITE Institute said an Internet announcement of the plan included a photo of the al-Qaida leader from the upcoming video -- his beard, which in previous messages had been streaked with gray, was entirely dark. Rita Katz, the head of SITE Institute, said the terror leader's beard appeared to have been dyed. Beard dying is a popular practice among Arab leaders, she said. The Intelcenter, which also monitors Islamic Web sites, said the video is expected within the next 72 hours, before the sixth anniversary of the World Trade Center attack. The last bin Laden video was in October 2004, shortly before the U.S. presidential elections. The announcement and photo appeared in a banner advertisement on an Islamic militant Web site where al-Qaida's media arm, Al-Sahab, frequently posts messages. "Soon, God willing, a videotape from the lion sheik Osama bin Laden, God preserve him," the advertisement read, signed by Al-Sahab. Such announcements are usually put out one to three days before the video is posted on the Web. Analysts noted that al-Qaida tends to mark the Sept. 11 anniversary with a slew of messages, and the [Department of Homeland Security](#) said it had no credible information warning of an imminent threat to the United States. European officials are linking a pair of alleged Islamic terror plots uncovered this week in Germany and Denmark. Both have ties to al-Qaida and Pakistan, the likely base of Osama bin Laden. Analysts and security officials warned that terrorists could be gearing up ahead of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. German authorities said the investigation there was aided by the suspects' increased activity ahead of the anniversary. Three people were arrested in the German plot, all allegedly trained at a camp in Pakistan, and linked to al-Qaida. Eight others are under investigation. U.S. officials said Frankfurt Airport and America's Ramstein Air Base were among the targets. Eight men were arrested in Denmark Wednesday. Authorities said the men are linked to senior al-Qaida leaders, but haven't said what their targets were, or when they planned to strike. Attorneys for the Saudi Binladin Group, a multinational engineering firm, said Friday that the company is not liable for the Sept. 11 attacks, because it made Osama bin Laden surrender his stake in the company 14 years ago. Responding in federal court to lawsuits over the attacks, the lawyers wrote that in 1993, the terrorist mastermind was forced out as a shareholder in two companies his family owns. The company filed the defense papers late Friday in U.S. District Court in answer to claims brought by representatives, survivors and insurance carriers of the victims. The plaintiffs, who seek billions of dollars in damages, allege the Saudi Binladin Group, along with numerous banks, charities and individuals worldwide, provided material support and assistance to al-Qaida prior to the attacks. The plaintiffs contend Bakr Binladin -- Osama bin Laden's brother, the senior member of the Binladin family and chairman of Saudi Binladin Group -- was one of al-Qaida's principal financiers

September 10, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 10, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: White House hopeful Fred Thompson wraps up the launch of his [presidential campaign](#) with stops in Greenville and Columbia on Monday. The former Tennessee senator and actor was scheduled to have a town hall meeting in Greenville Monday morning before heading to a larger gathering at a Columbia barbecue house in the afternoon. Thompson then planned to head back to Tennessee for a fundraiser. Thompson can use the cash and more. His GOP competitors, most of whom have raised and spent far more money, have as good or better name recognition and have had campaign staffers working in states for months. South Carolina's GOP [presidential primary](#) on Jan. 19 will be the first contest in the South for GOP hopefuls.

September 24, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 24, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: With billions of dollars of work waiting to be done on more than 42,000 miles of road in [South Carolina](#), the state Transportation Department is studying a plan that would give responsibility for some roads to counties. Commissioner Joe Young of Georgetown has asked staffers at the agency to research how to transfer dirt roads, parking lots, subdivision roads and short roads that lead to individual homes or buildings. South Carolina has the fourth-largest state road system in the nation. Many of those are secondary roads that are not eligible for federal funding. Mike Cone, executive director of the South Carolina Association of Counties, he said county councils may be wary of taking over roads because of money issues.

September 24, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 24, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Once privately owned, Chimney Rock will now be controlled by the state of [North Carolina](#). Chimney Rock is a large [tourist attraction](#) in the western North Carolina mountains that had been owned by the Morse family for more than 100 years. Last year, the Morse's put it up for sale. The property was purchased by the state after a bill was pushed through the state Legislature budgeting \$15 million toward buying Chimney Rock. Sen. Walter Dalton said the deal would not have gone through if it were not for the grass-roots efforts lobbying for the purchase. Officials said the Morse family will continue to manage the park through 2009. Chimney Rock is located in Rutherford County, N.C. The pillar stands about 2,000 feet above sea level.

May 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 18, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Key senators and the White House reached agreement Thursday on an immigration overhaul that would grant quick legal status to millions of illegal immigrants already in the U.S. and fortify the border. The plan would create a temporary worker program to bring new arrivals to the U.S. A separate program would cover agricultural workers. New high-tech enforcement measures also would be instituted to verify that workers are here legally. The compromise came after weeks of painstaking closed-door negotiations that brought the most liberal Democrats and the most conservative Republicans together with President Bush's Cabinet officers to produce a highly complex measure that carries heavy political consequences. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said he expects Bush to endorse the agreement. The accord sets the stage for what promises to be a bruising battle next week in the Senate on one of Bush's top non-war priorities. The key breakthrough came when negotiators struck a bargain on a so-called "point system" that would for the first time prioritize immigrants' education and skill level over family connections in deciding how to award green cards. The draft bill "gives a path out of the shadows and toward legal status for those who are currently here" illegally, said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. A spokesman for Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., one of his party's key players in the talks, confirmed that the group had reached agreement.

May 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 18, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Former President Bill Clinton is to headline an NAACP fund-raiser this afternoon in Columbia that political observers say will help his candidate wife and the civil rights organization. Lonnie Randolph with the state chapter of the NAACP says Clinton continues to be influential, by working on programs important to blacks, such as fighting diabetes and AIDS. Randolph says Clinton broke the mold of white Democratic politicians who stay as far away from the African-American community as they can except for the week before an election. Nearly half of South Carolina's Democratic primary voters are black. NAACP organizers say New York Senator Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign has nothing to do with her husband's appearance.

June 11, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 11, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

One fine has been issued in Hilton Head Island for a violation of the city's six-week-old smoking ban. Town code enforcement officers went to a bar called The Lodge twice last month. The court case led to fines of \$775 for violations of the smoking ban. Hilton Head town attorney Brian Hulbert said the court case sent a message about the ban's validity. The town is among at least nine governments across the state that ban indoor smoking. A similar ban failed to pass the state Legislature this year. Two differing court opinions on whether state law allows local governments to pass such bans are headed to the South Carolina Supreme Court.

June 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 12, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Governor Mark Sanford is "leaning against" signing a proposal requiring taxpayers to foot the bill for the upcoming presidential primaries in South Carolina. Sanford spokesman Joel Sawyer said today the Republican governor is leaning against it because presidential primaries are party events. South Carolina is the only state where political parties were expecting to pay for the presidential primaries next year. Under the bill, the state would run the primaries and pay the two million dollar tab, but the parties would still set their date. South Carolina is expected to hold the first primaries in the South. Democratic Party executive director Joe Werner says South Carolina will play a pivotal role in choosing the next president. He says the state taking over the primaries will give voters confidence they're as fair as possible.

June 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 15, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Heading into Father's Day weekend, presidential hopeful Senator Barack Obama's message during his visit to the upstate was one of strengthening families. Addressing members of the predominately African-American church, Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Spartanburg, Senator Obama said declining benefits, an inflation that has gone global and a government that has left American families vulnerable. "Without a doubt, the hardest hit have been those families who were most vulnerable to begin with," Obama said. "They are families who live in inner-cities and remote rural areas. They are disproportionately African-American and Latino." He said the government alone can't legislate healthy families, good parenting or economic success. "There is not a program for every problem we face. It will take responsibility and sacrifice from the American people. Parents will need to make sure their kids turn off the TV once in a while," Obama said. Touting more resources for education and his Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Families Act, Obama told the audience government can eliminate some of the roadblocks families face. He recognized the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families. He said that organization encourages fathers to take responsibility for their children, and has connected countless impoverished fathers with employment opportunities. After leaving Spartanburg and shaking many hands along the way, Senator Obama headed to his Greenville Rally at McAlister Square.

June 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description:

The cable TV series, "Army Wives" could leave South Carolina as quickly as it arrived because of the state's changing financial incentives. Makers of the Lifetime Television show being filmed in the Charleston area have written Governor Mark Sanford, threatening to switch locations. The network is upset the state Commerce Department cut the wage rebate for out-of-state residents. Mary Ann Hughes with Walt Disney Pictures says the company will have --no-- choice but to move to a state that doesn't have such limits. The Commerce Department's Coordinating Council approved a plan to cut rebates from 20% to ten percent for nonresidents beginning next month. Commerce Department spokesman says the change is designed to encourage companies to use South Carolina residents.

June 20, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 20, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Pushing back against the Democratic-led Congress, President Bush intends to veto a bill Wednesday that would have eased restraints on federally funded embryonic stem cell research - work that supporters say holds promise for fighting disease. At the same time, Bush will issue an executive order directing the Health and Human Services Department to promote research into cells that, like human embryonic stem cells, also hold the potential of regenerating into different types of cells that could help treat illness. White House spokesman Tony Fratto said Tuesday that Bush would outline an initiative that could make federal funding available for research on additional "pluripotent" stem cells - ones that can give rise to any kind of cell in the body except those required to develop a fetus. The president has accused majority Democrats of recycling an old measure that he already vetoed and argued that the bill would mean American taxpayers would - for the first time - be compelled to support the deliberate destruction of human embryos. "The president supports and encourages stem cell research - including using embryonic lines - as long as it does not involve creating, harming or destroying embryos," Fratto said. "That is an ethical line that should not be crossed." Democrats made the legislation a top priority when they took control of the House and Senate in January, but they don't have enough votes to override Bush's decision. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid appealed to Bush on Tuesday not to veto the bill. He said the measure acknowledges the ethical issues at stake and offers even stronger research guidelines than exist under the president's current policy. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi used Bush's veto threat as a reason to send out an e-mail letter soliciting contributions to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee to help elect more Democrats. "By vetoing a bill that expands stem cell research, the president will say 'no' to the more than 70 percent of Americans who support it, 'no' to our Democratic Congress' fight for progress, and 'no' to saving lives and to potential cures for diseases such as diabetes and Parkinson's," Pelosi wrote. "He will say 'no' to hope." In light of the veto, Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., who planned to be at the White House event, sought support for a stem cell bill he is sponsoring. It has passed the Senate but has not yet been taken up by the House. "My stem cell bill, which passed the Senate with broad bipartisan support, offers a clear alternative for our colleagues in the House to significantly expand federally funded stem cell research, while ensuring no taxpayer dollars are used for the destruction of human embryos," Coleman said. Coleman urged Democrats who favored the bill Bush was to veto to get behind his legislation. "Those who support the stem cell research bill ... are at a definitive crossroads," he said. "Do they seek to advance lifesaving research for millions of Americans suffering from serious disease or do they, in fact, prefer to keep stem cell research at a political stalemate?" This will be the third veto of Bush's presidency. His first occurred last year when he rejected legislation to allow funding of additional lines of embryonic stem cells - a measure that passed over the objections of Republicans then in control. Earlier this year, he vetoed legislation that would have set timetables for U.S. troop withdrawals from Iraq. Opponents of the latest stem cell measure insisted that the use of embryonic stem cells was the wrong approach on moral grounds - and possibly not even the most promising one scientifically. They cite breakthroughs involving medical research conducted with adult stem cells, umbilical cord blood and amniotic fluid, none of which involve the destruction of a human embryo. The science aside, the issue has weighty political implications. Public opinion polls show strong support for the research, and it could return as an issue in the 2008 elections. Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton appeared in Hanover, N.H., this week with a child who has diabetes and a paralyzed 23-year-old to urge Bush not to veto the bill. Last month, the issue was a topic at a debate with Republican presidential hopefuls in California. The bill Bush is vetoing

passed Congress on June 7, drawing the support of 210 House Democrats and 37 Republicans. That was 35 votes fewer than needed to override a veto. The Senate cleared the bill earlier by a margin that was one vote shy of the two-thirds needed to overcome Bush's objections. According to the National Institutes of Health Web site, scientists were first able to conduct research with embryonic stem cells in 1998. There were no federal funds for the work until Bush announced on Aug. 9, 2001, that his administration would make the funds available for lines of cells that already were in existence.

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Description:

Governor Mark Sanford today named Columbia attorney Ken Wingate as interim state treasurer. Wingate takes over from Thomas Ravenel, who was suspended by the governor yesterday after Ravenel was indicted on federal drug charges. Sanford says he felt it was important to act immediately. He says Wingate has done a good job for him on the Higher Education Commission and on a commission that made cost-saving recommendations on state government. Sanford says Wingate will help in the search for a longer-term replacement. The 47-year-old Wingate is a certified public accountant and an attorney. He also served on Sanford's transition team following the governor's election. Wingate says he'll meet with the staff to discuss office operations.

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Description:

A bill overhauling the state's workers' compensation system is on its way to Governor Sanford's desk. If the bill becomes law, employers who lie about the work their employees do to save more than \$10,000 on insurance premiums would face up to five years in prison and a \$50,000 fine. The legislation also defines some injuries and clarifies how much can be paid for some disabilities. The Senate adopted the compromise bill yesterday and the House did the same today.

June 21, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 21, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

State Education Superintendent Jim Rex says he will ask the General Assembly to change the way public schools are funded. Rex spoke yesterday to the School Leadership Institute in Myrtle Beach. Rex says any progress the state makes in issues like student testing and school accountability could be crippled by a funding system that is outdated and complex. He says only a few people in each school district understand how the system works. Rex says he'll send a proposal to lawmakers in September to deal with issues like public school choice, testing and accountability, and recruiting and keeping teachers. Rex says educators shouldn't get bogged down in political partisanship.

June 24, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description:

US Sen. Lindsey Graham says he worries more about doing the best job he can instead of any challengers for his seat in 2008. Graham has been criticized by people in his own party for several things since he was elected to the Senate in 2002. The most recent fight is over immigration reform. Graham has supported a bill that opponents, like South Carolina's other senator, Jim DeMint, decry as amnesty. Graham says he has heard the criticism and is not backing down. As far as his political future goes, Graham says he still lives by advice given to him by the late US Senator Strom Thurmond, whose seat he occupies: Always run like you're behind.

June 27, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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June 27, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News
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Description:

Governor Mark Sanford gets to appoint the Transportation Department's executive under a bill he signed into law this morning. The new law also makes the highway agency part of his Cabinet. Sanford says the legislation is a step forward for an agency cited by a state audit last year for wasting money on contracts. He says the current agency's structure has failed South Carolina taxpayers. The bill doesn't give Sanford complete control. The department still is overseen by a commission and Sanford will --no-- longer appoint its chairman. But commissioners have to meet new standards. Sanford's appointee to that panel will now be able to vote. Sanford's office says the bill brings South Carolina in line with 41 other states where governors appoint highway agency heads.

February 20, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description:

North Charleston Representative Seth Whipper wants to increase the state's cigarette tax by 93 cents per pack. South Carolina has the lowest cigarette tax in the country, at seven cents per pack. The rate hasn't changed since 1977. Whipper says his proposal would raise the state's tax to the national average. The Democrat says the increase would benefit public health and the state budget. The proposal is backed by a coalition of business, community and health groups. It would generate an extra 225 (m) million dollars a year for a variety of programs, including children's health insurance, business insurance assistance and cancer research. Governor Mark Sanford has proposed a 30-cents-per-pack increase, with the money used to cut the state's top income tax rate.

February 26, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 26, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

There's still almost a year until South Carolina's primary, but eleven G-O-P hopefuls will face their first test with voters in Spartanburg County during a straw poll this week. Organizers aren't expecting more than two-thousand people to cast ballots. But residents' phones have been ringing with recorded candidate messages, and mailboxes are filling with glossy campaign brochures in the run-up to Thursday's vote. Spartanburg isn't alone in testing the early political tides. Long shot contender U-S Representative Duncan Hunter won a straw poll in January in an Arizona county, and his campaign has bragged about winning in McCain's home state.

March 1, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 1, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The campaign is already negative as Republican presidential candidates face their first test in today's Spartanburg County straw poll. Organizers expect fewer than two thousand people to participate. But candidates have been using phone banks and campaign brochures to reach potential voters. A Columbia newspaper reports there have been anonymous mailings critical of former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. One letter was a six-page attack on Romney's record on abortion, gun control, taxes and "conservative values." The State newspaper says an anonymous e-mail attacked Romney's Mormon faith and included a copy of a recent Associated Press story about how Romney's ancestors practiced polygamy. A Romney spokesman did --not-- immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

March 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 12, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The Senate is considering a set of bills to change the state's Freedom of Information laws. One proposal would require public officials to respond to Freedom of Information requests within ten working days, instead of 15. A

second would prevent governments from charging more for copies than the prevailing local photocopy costs. A third would require officials to read a statement before going into closed meetings that they will discuss only what they have said they would and would --not-- take votes or polls. A fourth would restrict public bodies from adding items to a meeting agenda within 24 hours of the meeting unless the item was of "substantial public interest." A fifth would limit discussions of public business at chance or social meeting and through the Internet.

March 13, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 13, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Lawmakers have removed part of a proposal that would have given local governments the authority to restrict indoor smoking. Instead, senators approved a bill banning smoking on school property. Senator Darrell Jackson says the state should allow municipalities to ban smoking in bars and restaurants but that issue should be debated separately from the school smoking ban. The decision comes less than a week after a judge ruled Greenville's smoking ban violated state law. Judge John Few wrote that the state's smoking laws supersede anything local governments can do. His ruling came three months after another judge dismissed a lawsuit challenging a similar smoking ban in Sullivan's Island. Both sides say a decision from the state Supreme Court or legislative action could clear up the issue statewide.

March 14, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 14, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

South Carolina House members have given key approval to a state budget that would cut income taxes, give state employees a pay raise and provide health insurance to poor children. Democrats tried unsuccessfully to remove a proposed 81 (m) million-dollar income tax cut from the 7-point-3 (b) billion-dollar budget. Tonight's vote was the key second nod given to the spending plan. Bills are rarely changed in the House before members take a so-called third reading needed for final approval. Though disappointed income tax relief went through, House Minority Leader Harry Ott voted for the budget anyway. Ott says he hopes lawmakers will eventually take a comprehensive look at the state's tax structure. The Senate begins budget debate next month.

March 16, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 16, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Several lawmakers upset over the election of a new transportation commissioner have protested the result. Joe Young of Georgetown has been chosen to represent the First Congressional District, but some legislators say he was elected without a formal meeting. Isle of Palms Senator Chip Campsen says the law requires legislators to meet for the election. He says the common practice has been for lawmakers to sign off on an appointment without meeting. Campsen says custom is --not-- more important than the law. He's sent a letter of protest to the secretary of state's office. The seat was vacated when the state Supreme Court ruled two commissioners were illegally re-elected. Governor Mark Sanford says the election shows the need for change in the way the agency is governed.

March 17, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 17, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

South Carolina House members gave key approval Thursday to a state budget that would cut income taxes, give state employees a pay raise and provide health insurance to poor children. The \$7.3 billion budget passed despite lengthy debate on more than 300 proposed changes. Democrats tried unsuccessfully for three days to remove an \$81 million income tax cut, arguing the money would be better spent on health care, paving roads or other projects.

PRISONERS OF WAR: A South Carolina senator says the Pentagon needs to reinstate the term "prisoner of war" to properly recognize missing troops. A resolution advanced Wednesday to the state Senate floor asks the U.S. Congress to require the

Defense Department to use the term "prisoner of war" instead of "missing/captured" as an official casualty status. The bill's sponsor, Sen. Ray Cleary, said veterans told him the new classification doesn't recognize what captured troops go through as prisoners of war.

ONLINE CLASSES: Students in public, private and home schools could take online courses for high school credit under legislation that received key approval Tuesday in the Senate. The proposal passed without debate after senators agreed to let students enroll in the state's virtual school program on a first-come, first-serve basis, rather than give priority to public school students.

OPEN GOVERNMENT: Public officials would have to respond to requests for documents faster and copying charges would be limited under new open-government legislation introduced in the state Senate. The bills improve the foundation of the Freedom of Information Act in South Carolina and help reporters do their jobs, Sen. Thomas Alexander, R-Walhalla, said Tuesday. Alexander and other legislators held a news conference at the Statehouse during Sunshine Week, a nationwide effort to draw attention to the public's right to know what's going on in government.

March 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 19, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

U-S House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn says he used his influence to land a second Democratic presidential primary debate for South Carolina. The January 2008 debate will be carried on C-N-N. The Congressional Black Caucus Institute announced this week it would hold two Republican and two Democratic primary debates. South Carolina snagged one of the Democratic debates at Clyburn's urging. Clyburn says once Democrats took control of the House and Senate in January he asked the institute to bring a debate to South Carolina. Clyburn created the institute when he led the caucus. He says the debate will likely happen in Charleston or Myrtle Beach.

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Description:

Arizona Senator John McCain has announced a South Carolina finance committee that plops him right into the middle of the monied Palmetto State establishment in his G-O-P presidential primary bid. Fourteen of the 40 finance committee members announced today previously raised money for then-Texas Governor George Bush's 2000 bid or his 2004 presidential re-election bid. McCain met with members of the committee during a trip to Florence a few weeks ago at the home of wealthy heart surgeon Eddie Floyd, a top Bush fundraiser in 2000 and 2004. Others on the committee, including those with --no-- past Bush fundraising ties, include Camden lawyer and developer John Rainey, Batesburg-Leesville poultry processor Bill Amick and George Dean Johnson, co-founder of the Spartanburg-based payday lender Advance America.

March 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 19, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Democrat John Edwards is back in South Carolina today for the third big visit after launching a presidential bid he hopes will bring his native state's voters back into his fold. The former North Carolina senator will attend a private fundraising luncheon this afternoon before holding a college tour event at Benedict College. Last week, the South Carolina Republican Party jumped the gun, sending out a press release bashing Edwards' views on taxes a week before the Democrat's visit. Party officials said the release was sent by mistake. Edwards' campaign says the last time he was in South Carolina was on February 8th, when he raised money in Charleston and held a town-hall meeting on health care.

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Description:

Some lawmakers want an ultrasound machine in all abortion clinics, and they want women who want an abortion to look at the ultrasound pictures before making a final decision. "It does not do anything to a woman's choice, it just adds information. As many a 85-percent of women who do an ultrasound choose to keep the child," said senator Kevin Bryant. At the Anderson Crisis Pregnancy Center, ultrasound machines are used frequently to deter women from having an abortion, they say most of the time it works. "We try to show the baby and show the baby's heart beat and that a baby is a baby. Most of the time she changes her mind and that's where our heart is," said Julie Dixon, director of Anderson Crisis Pregnancy Center. However, while supporters of the bill say it gives women seeking abortions more information, opponents argue the bill is a barrier to a woman's choice and a tool of intimidation. Planed Parenthood is one of those groups. "This is a misguided bill that does nothing but harm and intimidates women at a very crucial time in their lives and to say they need more information is insulting," said Chris Hollis, from Planned Parenthood. Chris Hollis goes on to say the bill puts politics in front of sound medicine. Still, even some lawmakers say the bill is likely to pass as a natural addition to the states informed consent law. The bill is currently in the state senate. If it passes there and then through the state house, it could become law as early as June.

March 21, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description:

House Republicans pushed through a measure Tuesday that bans reporters from the floor of the chamber while lawmakers are in session. Reporters are now permitted to walk on to the floor to request an interview with a lawmaker outside the chamber. The change, introduced by House Speaker Glenn Richardson, would require reporters to seek interviews with lawmakers through student pages while lawmakers are in session. Reporters would be allowed on the floor immediately after the session is adjourned. Richardson said the measure puts the House in line with the state Senate, legislatures in other states and Congress. It passed by a 132-to-29 vote.

March 21, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 21, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The chairman of a commission says a lawmaker who sponsored a 500-thousand dollar grant for a nonprofit medical clinic failed to disclose his ties to the facility. The program that authorized the request has come under fire from some lawmakers and Governor Mark Sanford, who say the program lacks oversight. The 22 (m) million dollar program allows local governments and nonprofit groups to apply for grants. It was created in 2005 to keep local projects out of the state budget. Spartanburg Representative Harold Mitchell sponsored the application for the Regenesis Community Health Center in Spartanburg. Mitchell is a nonvoting member of the Regenesis board. Commission Chairman Jimmy Bailey of Charleston says he would have rejected the grant if he had known about the relationship.

March 21, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 21, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The Ten Commandments could be posted in public buildings with other historical documents under a proposal on its way to the House floor. The bill would allow the Ten Commandments and the motto "In God We Trust" to be part of a 12-document display that includes an explanation of how they relate to the country's founding. The House Judiciary Committee approved the bill today after adding Martin Luther King Junior's "I Have a Dream" speech to the approved display. Others items include the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

March 21, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description:

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who is considering whether to run for president, said tonight that the personal lives of White House hopefuls shouldn't become an issue in the 2008 campaign. Earlier this month Gingrich went on Focus on the Family founder James Dobson's radio program to confess and seek forgiveness for his own extramarital affair committed while he pursued President Clinton's impeachment in the Monica Lewinsky scandal. The former Georgia congressman said he's received a positive response from colleagues and others. Before a speech at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Gingrich said that whoever the Democratic and Republican presidential nominees are, he hoped they would discuss issues in a bipartisan manner and at length -- not just in short sound bites in the media. Gingrich said he would consider running for president this fall and that he had no idea who the nominees from each party would be.

March 22, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 23, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Democratic presidential contender John Edwards says his wife's cancer has returned, but his campaign for the White House will continue. At a news conference in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with his wife Elizabeth by his side, Edwards told reporters "the campaign goes on strongly." Elizabeth Edwards was diagnosed with breast cancer in the final days of the 2004 presidential campaign. She underwent several months of radiation and chemotherapy. John Edwards said a biopsy of her rib showed the cancer was back and had spread to the bones. Once in the bones, it is not considered curable, though Edwards did call it "treatable." At today's news conference, Elizabeth Edwards said she doesn't feel "sickly" and described herself "as ready as any person can be" to deal with it. She said she encouraged her husband to continue the campaign.

March 23, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description:

President Bush vowed to veto a measure pushed through the House by Democrats on Friday that would order the commander-in-chief to withdraw U.S. combat troops from Iraq by September 2008. "I will veto it if it comes to my desk," Bush said from the White House Diplomatic Reception Room joined by family members of veterans and troops in combat. Bush called the measure by Democrats "an act of political theater voted to substitute their judgment for that of our military commanders on the ground in Iraq." Democrats won passage by a 218-212 vote on the \$124 billion war spending bill, which will fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bush has promised to veto the measure. "Today, this Congress faces a historic vote. A vote to truly change the direction of the Iraqi conflict," said Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill., just before the vote. Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, also called the vote "historic," urging colleagues to vote against the measure. "Our troops are on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan, doing their duty to protect freedom and to end tyranny," House Minority Leader Boehner said. "They're there watching this debate we're having in the House today and wondering, 'Will Congress do its duty? Will Congress stand up and support the mission that I'm in?'" "The vote puts Congress closer to a showdown with the White House over Bush's Iraq policy. Bush will veto the bill, White House spokesman Tony Snow told reporters at Friday's briefing. "Look, the president's going to veto this bill, and he's going to veto it because even though it provides some funding, it also puts handcuffs on generals, colonels, lieutenant colonels, majors, captains, lieutenants, sergeants, corporals, privates, and everybody else," Snow said. Most Republicans opposed the Democrats' plan, which also included budget requests not related to war spending. "What we got instead was a poorly assembled wish list of non-emergency spending requests, wrapped in a date-certain declaration of defeat - a confirmation to our enemies that, if they hang on just a bit longer, we'll be out of their way soon," said Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo. Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., told fellow lawmakers a vote against the bill would be a vote against funding for the troops, health care and military families. "You're voting against supporting the troops if you're voting against the money that goes to the troops," Murtha said. Bush urged Congress to approve the bill without a timeline during a meeting Thursday with his Iraqi civilian reconstruction team. "The Congress owes you the money you need to do the job, without any strings attached," he said. "Congress needs to get their business done quickly, get the monies we've requested funded and let our folks on the ground do the job." Defense Secretary Robert Gates warned that if Congress fails to pass a measure funding the war efforts by April 15, it will slow down training of troops scheduled for future deployments to Iraq and

Afghanistan. Gates says it would also delay repair of equipment. Meanwhile, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday approved a \$121 billion version of Bush's emergency war spending request, but bucked the White House by putting in language that sets a date-specific timeframe for withdrawing troops from Iraq. The Senate bill sets a March 31, 2008, goal for withdrawing all combat troops out of Iraq. The legislation, which also gobs on billions in special projects at home, now heads to the Senate floor for a vote by the full chamber. "I think the only way we can succeed in Iraq is by fundamentally changing the dynamic," said Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, who chairs the subcommittee that oversees military funding. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's measure to set a timeline for the withdrawal of troops failed last week by a 50-48 vote. The House measure is unlikely to get through the Senate unchanged, where many Democrats oppose a timetable on the war.

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Jobs, Economy, Growth

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **JOBS/ECONOMY/GROWTH**

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July 23, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 23, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The federal minimum wage goes up this week to \$5.85 an hour. That's 70 cents higher than the old minimum and is the first increase in 10 years. But some lawmakers and labor experts say it's still far from ideal. Somebody being paid the minimum wage will be earning roughly \$12,000 a year before taxes. And House Education and Labor Committee Chairman George Miller said it's "an outrage" that in the "wealthiest country in the history of the world," anybody could work full time and still wind up in poverty. At the bottom end of the pay scale, getting by will still be a challenge no matter how you cut it. Author Beth Shulman said every penny counts when you're having to choose between food, clothes and electricity. Fawn Townsend is 24 years old and single and works as a fast-food waitress in Raleigh, N.C. She said if Tuesday's boost means any extra money for her, she plans to start saving for a car. Townsend said she needs one to get a second job to help make ends meet.

August 7, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 7, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Michelin North America said it will expand facilities in four counties, investing \$350 million over the next four years. Michelin said the expansion will create about 100 new jobs. The expansion will occur at plants in Anderson, Greenville, Lexington and Spartanburg counties. The expansion will give Michelin nearly 9,000 workers in the state. Michelin's Jim Micali said the expansions come after approval of an incentives package by the Legislature in June. Micali said without the new incentives the investments might have gone elsewhere around the world. Micali would not provide a breakdown on the money or jobs by county.

August 14, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 14, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Tiger Woods has no plans to break this Jack Nicklaus record. Woods revealed plans Tuesday for his first American course just two days after he won his 13th major title at the PGA Championship. And while the world's No. 1 golfer continues his steady march to Nicklaus' record 18 majors, Woods knows he won't come close to the number of courses created by the [Golden Bear](#). "I won't design as many courses as Jack," Woods said. "He's designed well over 200 now. I won't do that." Nicklaus has 258 courses open for play with his name on them, according to his Web site. Woods, 31, says he and his company, [Tiger Woods Design](#), are content with one or two select projects at a time. Woods said he found such a property in The Cliffs at High Carolina. The private course will sit at about 4,000 feet in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Asheville, N.C. There's no timetable for its completion and Woods pledges he'll make as many trips as necessary to do things right. "As you all know, I'm kind of a perfectionist," Woods said. Woods was asked several times during his winning run at the PGA about plans for his first U.S. course. "I guess we all know why we're here," Woods said, smiling to a crowded room of about 100 media members at The Cliffs Valley, located in northern South Carolina. Woods wants the scenic land to dictate the proposed layout and hopes the course give golfers a fair test and a chance to connect with nature. He visited the location earlier Tuesday and raved about the land. "Even an idiot can't mess this up," he said. "I think I'm a little above that." Woods took his time before launching his design [business](#), he said, because he wanted a feel for what makes the best courses by playing the top layouts from around the world. He said he likes layouts where golfers can the hole ahead of them along with well-placed bunkers that require careful shot selection. Woods described himself as a "minimalist" [designer](#) and repeatedly said he didn't expect to move a lot of dirt during construction. Woods and The Cliffs' owner Jim Anthony said they wanted High Carolina to be a walking-only course during the news conference. Afterward, Woods clarified they'll "strongly encourage" golfers to walk, but won't require it. Anthony had Woods' drawings of a proposed [golf course](#) he mapped out at age 11. "I don't believe there's any golfer that has more desire," Anthony said. "He takes us to another level." Woods' company took on a project in Dubai for his first course. He expects to gradually grow his golf design business, selecting projects that fit within his crowded schedule as a competitor and father. He won his latest major this past weekend with a two-stroke victory at Southern Hills. The community of golf courses known as The Cliffs includes three layouts designed by Nicklaus. The Cliffs Valley currently host a Nationwide Tour event, the BMW Charity Pro-Am. Woods finally feels comfortable sketching out courses on his own and can't wait for the

moment someone else gets the chance to play one of his courses. "That's something you want to have happen," he said. "Not only will they have fun playing, but want to come back and do it again."

September 7, 2007
September 7, 2007

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The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Coca-Cola announced Thursday it will the largest plastic bottle recycling plant in the world in Spartanburg. Officials said the plant will create about 100 new jobs over the next five years. The plant will produce about 100 million pounds of recycled plastic for reuse every year, officials said. That is the equivalent of making nearly 2 billion 20-ounce bottles of Coca-Cola. Over the next 10 years, the plant will eliminate production of 1 million metric tons of [carbon dioxide emissions](#), official said. That equates to removing 215,000 cars from the road. Planners said the plant will be built behind the United Resource Recovery Corporation – also a recycling company. Officials said the plant will be finished by summer of 2008. Construction costs will total about \$50 million.

September 25, 2007
September 25, 2007

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Ford workers who belong to the United Auto Workers are on edge after the union called a national strike against GM Monday. "If there's anything gonna happen, it will be in the next three days," Ford worker Brad Seward told Louisville television station WLKY. Louisville officials said that UAW negotiations with GM would serve as a blueprint for Ford's UAW contract, and a recent union vote favored a strike at local Ford plants as a last resort. Contract talks between the United Auto Workers and [General Motors](#) are scheduled to resume Tuesday morning. But, in the meantime, local union officials said Ford employees have been racing to the phones to find out if they will strike. Rumors started at the Kentucky Truck Plant and Louisville Assembly Plant that a workers there could strike within three days. Local 862 President Rocky Comito said the GM strike should have no effect on local Ford workers. "The agreement with UAW and Ford is to extend the contract indefinitely," Comito said. "However, if talks break down, we're going to give you a three day notice before we go out. So, people are thinking since GM went out automatically our clock started running." Some 73,000 union members who work at about 80 U.S. Facilities for the nation's largest automaker walked out of GM plants Monday. UAW officials said job security is the number one unresolved issue. UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said the union launched the strike after what he describes as "one-sided negotiations." He said "it was going to be General Motors' way at the expense of the workers," adding that GM approached Monday morning's strike deadline "like they really didn't care." A GM spokesman said the automaker is disappointed in the UAW's decision to call a national strike. At a news conference in Detroit, Gettelfinger said job security is the No. 1 unresolved issue. He said the union has also been fighting to preserve workers' benefits. "We're shocked and disappointed that General Motors has failed to recognize and appreciate what our membership has contributed during the past four years," Gettelfinger said. "Since 2003 our members have made extraordinary efforts every time the company came to us with a problem." Striking workers will be paid \$200 a week plus medical benefits from the UAW's strike fund. The union had more than \$800 million in that fund as of last November, according to the UAW's Web site. The striking workers want GM to promise that future cars and trucks will be built at U.S. plants, preserving union jobs. In a statement on its Web site, GM said they were "disappointed" in the union's decision to strike. "The bargaining involves complex, difficult issues that affect the job security of our U.S. work force and the long-term viability of the company," GM said. "We are fully committed to working with the UAW to develop solutions together to address the competitive challenges facing General Motors. We will continue focusing our efforts on reaching an agreement as soon as possible." It's the first nationwide strike against GM in 37 years. Ford, GM and Chrysler UAW workers have been without contracts for 10 days. GM had been working on a hour by hour contract since the contract expired. A strike by the United Auto Workers is costing General Motors 12,000 vehicles each day, and could run into the billions of dollars if the walkout lasts. A walkout of a few days won't have much effect on car-buyers, with a 65-day supply already in the pipeline. But an analyst for Lehman Brothers says a one-month strike would cost the company more than \$8 billion. GM is struggling to regain profitability in North America, where it nearly broke even last quarter but lost \$4 billion in the same period a year earlier. Contract talks have resumed Tuesday morning.

September 25, 2007
September 25, 2007

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: South Carolina's [unemployment rate](#) dropped last month, the Employment Security Commission said Tuesday. The group said 5.6 percent of the work force was unemployed in August. That compares with 5.9 percent in July. The commission said fewer people lost their jobs last month and fewer people entered the job market. The state added more than 22,000 jobs last month, almost all of them in the government sector as schools reopened. The [tourism](#) sector dropped about 2,200 jobs. The commission said there were 7,700 fewer people without jobs last month, compared with July. The number of people without jobs was down about 20,000 from the same time last year. Marion County had the highest unemployment rate at 11.1 percent. Horry and Lexington counties had the lowest rate at 4.3 percent.

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Quality of Life

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **QUALITY OF LIFE**

DATE **TIME** **PROGRAM**

Sundays 9:30 am TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DESCRIPTION: A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

Sundays 10:00am DAY OF DISCOVERY

DESCRIPTION: A religious program that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

July 6, 2007 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News
July 6, 2007 5a-9:00am The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Three families were left homeless after a fire destroyed the Spruce Hill apartment building in which they were living. The fire was hot enough to melt siding and warp metal. Residents of the apartment complex said the fire started around 2 a.m. Thursday, and that they pulled together to help rescue a family caught in the burning building. "It was just scary, very scary, because you saw a woman jumping out the window with her babies, getting her babies out," said neighbor Charleen Harris. "The couple up there had to lower their kids," said April Andrews, another neighbor. "Neighbors were there to catch them as they fell but they all got out safe." The American Red Cross was helping the three families with food, clothing, medicine and shelter. Neighbors said they have also offered to help. Firefighters were investigating the exact cause of the fire, but said they suspect fireworks may be involved.

July 15, 2007 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News
July 16, 2007 5a-9:00am The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: For a little more than a week, 3-year-old Mackenzie Jo Van Dorn was clinging to life at The Children's Hospital in Greenville, but on Friday night, she succumbed to her head injury. Van Dorn was visiting the Greenville Zoo on July Fourth. While she and her family were observing the lemurs, a tree limb fell and hit her in the head. The Greenville County Coroner said Mackenzie died from traumatic brain injury from the limb that struck her. "It was a very tragic circumstance and one that will never be repeated, I hope," said Greenville City Manager Jim Bourey. "It was such a freak accident." Van Dorn's family released a statement following her death. It said, "The family would like to thank the community for their prayers and extraordinary support during a very difficult time." The city said precautions were taken to prevent an accident just like the one that killed Van Dorn. They said tree limbs were trimmed back and pruned less than a month ago. The family will head back to Mississippi to bury Van Dorn.

July 18, 2007 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News
July 18, 2007 5a-9:00am The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Wal-Mart said 425 of its stores will sell Biblical action figures aimed at Christian parents who prefer their children play with Samson, David or Noah rather than with a comic book character or Bratz doll. Wal-Mart Stores spokeswoman Melissa O'Brien said the world's largest retailer believes there's demand for faith-based toys. The toy line will be in some Wal-Mart shelves starting in August, mainly in the Midwest and South, but also in California and as far northeast as Pennsylvania. The toys include a 3-inch figure of Daniel in the lion's den, a 12-inch talking Jesus doll and a 13-inch Samson action figure.

July 18, 2007 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News
July 18, 2007 5a-9:00am The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Bo Thompson said he is a lucky man thanks to a donation from a complete stranger across the pond. Thompson was diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia in 2004. Doctors gave him a 3 percent chance of survival, and told him he would live only if he received a bone marrow transplant. Enter Beverly Whitworth, a woman from England who was the source of Thompson's life-saving bone marrow transplant a little more than three years ago. "I owe her everything," said Thompson. On Wednesday, Thompson met Whitworth at the hospital where he spent a lot of his time while fighting the disease- St. Francis Downtown. "It's like meeting an angel," Thompson said. "I mean, that's who saved my life. I don't think anybody can put into words how I feel. It's unbelievable." Whitworth said she could hardly believe it when she got the call she was a match for Thompson. "It's like such a joy and excitement inside," Whitworth said. "You can't explain it to anybody." The pair have been talking for the past year and during that time Whitworth and her husband have been saving money so they could visit Greenville and meet Thompson in person. Whitworth said donating is the second best decision she has ever made, the first being to register her bone marrow on the transplant list. "So I just recommend going on the register and then you can get the same feeling I've got," Whitworth said. "It's definitely worthwhile, and I would definitely do it again." Both Thompson and Whitworth hope their story will inspire others to give because they said you get so much more in return. "I love her to death," said Thompson. "She's part of the family now. She's blood."

August 30, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 30, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The fighting in Iraq may seem far away, but one upstate group said they are helping troops fight the battle. Operation Airborne is a national organization THAT has a branch in Greenville. The upstate group consists of about 30 women. The group said troops who are braving the desert in Iraq have complained about the harsh conditions. With those issues in mind, the group began sending bags of hand and foot cream, sunscreen and lip balm overseas. For more information about Operation Arboney, call Lisa Mincey at 864-350-3407 or e-mail her at lmincey402@aol.com.

September 10, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 10, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: City and state officials gathered in Columbia Monday with relatives of victims of the September 11, 2001, terror attacks to kick off a national tour of materials for an exhibit on the attacks. Columbia is the first of more than a dozen stops because the steel beam was manufactured by Owen Steel. The Columbia company is making tons of steel for the World Trade Center memorial. Mayor Bob Coble said it's a wonderful and historic moment for Columbia. The uncle of Jason Viglione was a firefighter who died at the World Trade Center. Viglione then joined the Air Force and is based at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter. Viglione said he hopes to become an ambassador to those not directly touched by the attacks. The next stop for the exhibit is Raleigh, then [Norfolk](#), Virginia

September 27 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 28, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Two groups of protestors gathered at the Fountain Inn Police Department on Thursday night, one group demanding justice, the other showing support for police. The protests come after police said 25-year-old Richard Johnson hanged himself in a jail cell while in police custody in July. Johnson's family and other members of the community maintain that Johnson was murdered at the hands of police. They hope the protests will bring out the truth. "I want to find out exactly what happened the night of July 30," said one protestor. "What really happened? We don't know. We know something went wrong, but we don't know what went wrong." However, across the street from this group of protestors stood a second group of marchers showing solidarity with police. "We just wanted to come and support this police department because we think their protest has it wrong and we're behind you," said a member of the group. The official investigation into Johnson's death concluded it was a suicide. Extra law enforcement was on hand to make sure protestors on either side of the issue did not get out of control.